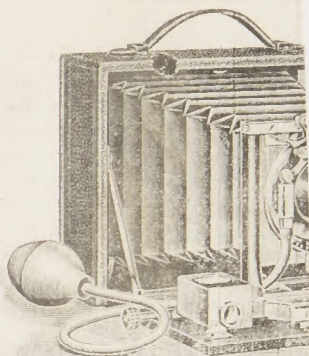




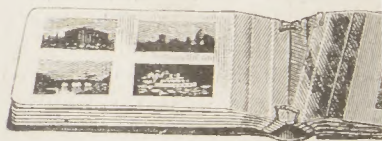
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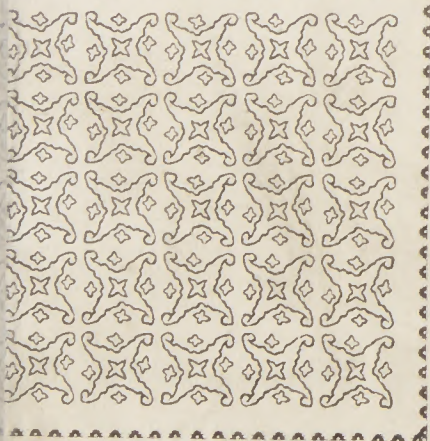
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19	do 1c—15c incl.....	9	63	Canada ½c ribbed, not cat., scarce and rare res. \$3..	1
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21	'93 1c o. g. in blocks.....	20	65	Queensland 1s violet .75 fair	1
22	do 3c o. g. strips.....	14	66	So. Australia 2s red .75 one edge off.....	1
24	do 4c o. g.....	8	67	U. S. Playing card .90 fine..	1
25	do 5c o. g.....	10	68	So. Australia 2s brown .35 good.....	1
26	do 6c o. g. three pairs.....	6	69	Victoria 8 p red .20 good....	1
27	do 6c o. g. one strip of three.....	10	70	St. Helena 6 p green .23 good	1
28	do 6c o. g.....	12	71	England 1 p red \$2 unused..	1
29	do 15c o. g.....	3	72	U. S. 6c '69 .60 fine pen cancel unused.....	1
30	do 15c o. g.....	3	73	Queensland pair 1 p red zig zag perf used no pr scarce	2
31	'95 1c.....	1000	74	U. S. 50c .35.....	1
32	do \$1 res. 25.....	1	75	Mexico 25c Env. Albino \$1.	1
33	Dep. Int. Cont. o. g. blk.....	4			
34	'91 Dues 1c (10) 2c (25).....	35			
34	'98 Omaha 4c (10) 5c (10) 8c (4) 10c (7) fair.....	31			
35	'95 6c (25) 15c (10) fair.....	35			
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39	do do proprietary \$(1.00).....	1			
40	do Rev. 2c orange play'g card.....	1			
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42	'98 Rev. 1c Sur. red I. R. o. g. in blocks.....	14			
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blue		.06	France 1853-60 80c lake	.06	.04
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Br Guiana 1876 1 and 2c C C		.10	3c blue	.18	.12
Br Guiana 1882 1 and 2c C A		.04	Newfoundland 1887 2c or 3c br &		
Br Guiana 1882 8c rose		.05	5c blue	.15	.10
Br Guiana 1889 2c mauve blk and		.08	Norway 1854 4s blue	.15	.15
red		.06	Norway 1872-75 2s ult, 8s rose and		
Br Guiana 1890 1c on \$1.00 and 1c		.13	6s red br	.25	.16
on \$2.00		.30	Norway 1877 10 o, no period after		
Br Guiana 1890 1c on \$3.00 and 1c		.03	Postfrim		.50
on \$4.00		.30	Roumania 1876 10b blue & 10b ult.	.10	.07
Cape G. Hope 1871 1p red C C		.03	Turkey 1876 1/2p yellow green	.08	.05
Cape G. Hope 1879 3p on 3p lilac		.12	Uruguay 1884 2c vermillion and 5c		
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The Stamps of Argentine Republic

No. 2—Complete Catalogue—Compiled to date by ALFONSO MILLARD

Issue of 1862. This issue was placed on sale January 11th, 1862 and consisted of those values only. There were several errors and peculiarities among them, however, and I will endeavor to give a correct list of all that are known.

5c rose, 5c pink, 10c bright green, 10c dark green and 15c blue, all with accent over u of Republica

The same values and colors as above were also issued without accent.

September 14th, 1863. Retouched dies. 5c pink, white back ground; 5c pink, figure five having a larger flag as the plate had become worn.

November 30th, 1863. The dies had to be again retouched, especially the letter C, which made the issue entirely different from the former by showing a large C in Centavos. In this issue the cross between the words Republica and Argentina was also made plainer. The 10 centavos of all the above issues were cut in two, both diagonally and horizontally and the halves used as 5c. These stamps were lithographed, can be plated, and form a very interesting series of plates. Government reprints of the 5c exist, being printed on a stouter paper. All of the so-called re-

prints of the 10c and 15c are counterfeits, but a great many proofs on very thick paper are to be found in Buenos Aires.

April 17th, 1864. Portrait of General B. Rivadaria. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ and watermarked R. A. in italics. 5c dark red brown, 5c rose red, 10c green, 15c blue.

On November 30th, 1864 the same colors, values and watermarks were issued imperforated.

April 13th, 1867, on very thick paper, 5c dark rose, imperforate; 5c dark rose, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

July 9th, 1867. No watermark. 5c carmine, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ to 12; 5c carmine, imperforate; 10c carmine imperforate.

The stamps of 1864 and 1867 form the most expensive sets of this country. All of the above are to be found with inverted water marks, and with water marks reading upside down, but it is supposed to be only on one sheet of each value issued to the public. I notice that all catalogues give the imperforate as the first issue but this is incorrect. I personally saw the government notice in the government news-

paper, the *La Nacion*, stating that the perforated was the first issue, and further stated that clerks would not be compelled henceforth to carry a pair of scissors for cutting the stamps apart. The subsequent issue of this same set imperforated is explained by the fact that during the latter part of 1864 a revolution broke out, in the course of

which the government printing office was destroyed. The plates were preserved however, and the post master afterwards took them to the printing office of G. Kraft and had an issue of stamps struck off imperforated, owing to lack of means to perforate them. In 1865 the stamps were again issued by the government, perforated.

(To be Continued.)

The "Post" and Its Improvements

Third Prize Manuscript

By G. LIONEL CAMPBELL, of England

CONCLUDED

There was in use in Paris in 1653 a post paid envelope. This is not the only case where stamped envelopes were in use long before adhesive stamps came into use. Stamped letter paper was issued by the Sardinian States in 1818, and in London some newspaper wrappers were issued in 1830.

It was in 1834 that Mr. James Cham lies made a few adhesive stamps as an experiment at his printing works in Dundee. They were printed with ordinary type and made adhesive with a wash of gum.

The rate from England to New York was reduced in 1856 from one shilling to six-pence, and in 1874 it was again reduced to two-pence-half-penny. The postal rate in England remained the same from about 1716 to the end of 1839 when Sir Rowland Hill obtained for us the penny post. Parliament first decided to issue a stamped envelope of picturesque and elaborate design. Two prizes were offered of £200 and £100 respectively for the best designs. Mr. Muldread a well known artist was the successful competitor. He covered his envelope with an allegorical and fantastic picture and left hardly any room for the address. The original is

still in existence and the present owner is the painter's niece.

It was not until May, 1840 that Mr. Hill brought the adhesive stamp under the notice of the postal authorities.

When stamps were first sold they were in solid sheets and had either to be cut or torn apart. Mr. Henry Archer in 1853 invented what he called a perforating machine which made small holes between the stamps and thus they could be separated without tearing them. This was sold by him the year after for £4,000. Mr. Pearson Hill, the son of Sir Rowland Hill, invented an obliterating machine which he sold for £1,500.

The result of the countries of the world quickly followed the example set by England, in 1843 Brazil had the first stamp made, and in 1847 stamps could be bought at nearly all the post-offices in the United States, it was not until 1851 that Canada issued any stamps. The postal rates in the United States in 1845 were, for under 300 miles, five cents, and over, ten cents. In 1846 the rate for under 300 miles was reduced to three cents. The result of reducing the rate from five cents to three was such a success that the postal authorities decided to reduce it still more and made it that a letter could be sent 3,000 miles for three cents and the charge

for over that distance was ten cents. In 1863 the uniform rate was three cents.

During the first twenty-five years there were 1301 known varieties of stamps; of these 841 were European, 333 were American, 59 Asiatic, 55 African, and 103 Oceanic, of the whole 1391 no less than 811 were obsolete in 1865, leaving 580 in currency.

In 1840 and 1841 the consumption of adhesive postage stamps of the 1d and 2d. in Great Britain was about ten millions per month. Now the consumption of 1d. is more than one hundred and forty millions per month.

The following figures show the enormous strides made in 200 years in the

dispatch of letters and other missives in Great Britain. The number of letters carried in 1670 was 1,500,000; in 1770 8,000,000; in 1840 170,000,000; and in 1897 3,050,900,000. The receipts in 1897 were £11,465,370, and the expenditure was £8,080,373. In the United States the number of letters carried in 1897 was 5,664,138,718. The receipts being \$15,955,052 and the expenditure £17,987,600, showing a loss of over \$2,000,000 where in Great Britain a profit of over £3,000,000 was made. No doubt the cause of the great loss to the United States is due to the fact that a large number of letters are carried under the actual cost.

New Issues

Cuba's Special Delivery has an error in the spelling of the word "Inmediata" same being spelled Immediata. This will probably be corrected at the next printing and will add another variety to the catalog.

A bill has been introduced in Congress providing for the repeal of the revenue stamps, but it is hardly probable that it will be passed. The present system is producing good results in the way of revenue and the tax is paid as it should be—by the class of persons who make large transactions in a commercial way. There is no tax dodging under this system and we hope it will be some time at least before the present law is repealed.

The current 2c. U. S. revenue is reported to be issued perforated with oblong holes but it has not been our privilege as yet to see any of them. The other varieties will probably be perforated as more are issued and we may look for the entire set to be so issued in the course of time. An exchange states that the oblong perforation

will also be extended to the current postage stamps.

The Austrian postoffice is to try a "telegram card," on which a person writes a message and posts in the usual way, but the postoffice telegraphs the contents, which are delivered to the address by the postman. The plan is a combination of post and telegraph and seems useful as having a cost and speed intermediate between post and telegraph.

It seems almost certain now that Boston will have a commemorative set of stamps for the Boston Exposition in 1901. The matter is up to the third assistant Postmaster General and he is quoted as being favorable to it. Just what values will be issued of course it is impossible to state at present, but Boston will probably insist on having as many as Omaha, which had nine. It cost the government no more to print a \$2.00 stamp than it does to print a 2c stamp and the profit is so much greater that the temptation to issue high values is great.

After the Boston set is finished and out of the way, St. Louis will undoubtedly bob up serenely and secure a set to commemorate their Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in 1903. St. Louis is the recognized center of Western Philately and nothing short of a duplicate of the Chicago World's Fair issue can be expected to satisfy her.

It has only recently been our privilege to personally inspect the new die of the current 4c envelopes of the United States, and the re-drawn die is undoubtedly a great improvement over the effigy or caricature that disfigured the first issue. The portrait is larger, the bust has been clothed and the ragged edges removed from the hair and beard. The inner serrated circle has been removed and the plain inner circle made smaller and heavier. The printing also showed a lighter color, more like the shade of the current 4c adhesive. The envelopes are only issued in white and amber, as were the die A.

Boiled Down

Original and Otherwise

Cape Colony has joined the penny postage scheme, and of the British colonies only Australasia and Rhodesia remain.

The Times-Post gives a list of commemorative stamps issued from 1376 to 1898, the United States starting the list, and Canada ending it, of 60 issues of 425 stamps, 77 envelopes, 8 wrappers 222 postcards and 3 letter cards. The United States issues were 35 stamps, and 22 envelopes all told, and issued in 1876, 1893 and 1898.

The next German Philatelic congress meets in Frankfort on the Main in July 1900.

The Swiss postoffice conveys anything from a postal card to barrels of wine, scythes and bundles of old iron.

The first postoffice opened its doors in Paris in 1462; in England in 1581; in America in 1710.

The latest news in connection with the new issue of German postage stamps is to the effect that the stamps will not be ready Jan. 1, 1900, but April 1, when the new German colonial stamps will also in all probability be finished. A decided effort is being made to do away with the Wurttem-

berger and Bavarian stamps and to get these states to adopt the "united" Germany stamps.

Instructions have been issued from the postoffice department directing all postmasters to return for redemption and credit the Columbian, Omaha and newspaper and periodical stamps. The sale of the newspaper and periodical stamps will cease Dec. 31.

Nebraska is found by Mr. Lawrence Bruner to be favored with an unusual variety of birds. The records of naturalists show that 415 species and subspecies visit the state, and that 227 breed therein, while the total recorded species for North America north of Mexico number only about 780.

Envelopes were first used in France in the time of Louis XIV.

On Jan. 1, 1900, the French government will issue a new series of postage stamps in commemoration of the world's fair. The new series will comprise the intermediate denominations viz: 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 centimes. The die for these stamps has been executed by Eugene Mouchon, the designer of the new Dutch stamps bearing the effigy of Queen Wilhelmina. The design of the new stamps represents a

Right-hand profile of the allegorical figure of the "Republic" with one hand extended to a figure of "Justice," and the other holding a shield bearing the inscription, "Droits de l'Homme." A small square in the foreground of this design indicates the value of the stamp, and the words "Republique Francaise" are printed across the entire base. The well-known painter, Luc-Oliver Merson, has been requested to submit a design for the stamps from 40 centimes to 5 francs.

Of all Omaha stamps 202,753,035 all told were issued. The number of doc-

umentary stamps issued for fiscal year 1899, all values, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to \$1,000, was 950,215,604; of proprietary $\frac{1}{8}$ c to 5c, 850,194,000.

During the fiscal year 1899 the United States issued a total number of postage stamps, including special delivery and postage due, from 1 cent to \$5.00, of 3,400,017,280; the number of special delivery was 5,934,870, and postage due, 1c to 50c, was 16,463,490. The cost to the postoffice department in 1878 was \$41.14 per 1000 sheets of stamps; now the cost is only \$16.80; quite a difference!

Whispers Around South America

By ALFONSO MILLARD

The Buenos Ayres postoffice will not sell the new issue of stamps to the public until the old issue is all used up. Dealers in Buenos Ayres and Rosario, are complaining that business is very dull, and the premium on gold is going up. Everyone is asking what is up or in the wind?

President Cuestas of Uruguay had a deputation of stamp collectors (?) before him to find out if he would have a special issue of provisionals to welcome in the year 1900? His answer was, "No, Senores." It is said for certain that Uruguay will have a new issue of stamps next year, but not provisionals.

It is also rumored that Paraguay will welcome the new year with a new issue of postage and revenue stamps.

Brazil is still going in for a lot of postal errors and oddities. Let the readers of the West beware of these so-called errors as they are not a necessary issue.

From Rio de Janerio I have heard that a Mr. Bennett and a Monsieur Richard are very chummy with the postmaster general. Perhaps this is the

reason for all the so-called rare perforations.

The collectors of Rio wanted to issue a special stamp or postal card for the visit of President Roca of Argentine. Let us wait and see.

The Pacific Nightingale is chirping that Bolivia is begging the republic of Chili to issue a protectorate over them. Reasons; No money in the national coffers. Perhaps will have recourse to make some provisionals so as to raise funds.

Ecquador is likely also to have a new issue of stamps next year.

Peru, it is presumed will follow suit, like all the others. What bust they will use it is hard to say, but perhaps they will use the bust of Jose William holding up his left hand pointing to the world with these words: "Probrecito Miurchantes Grita; Grita; mas es may tarde.

Whispers with some weight are flying around that South America is to be cursed with three more republics, two in Brazil and one in Colombia.

Collectors need not despair as perhaps they will have a new page or two in their album to fill.

Seebeckized America

By C. E. JENNEY

The old proverb has it that "the king can do no wrong." Patriotism is one of the most commendable qualities in man; but when in our judgment the government errs in its policy it is not patriotic to overlook it and it is not wise but it is the duty of everyone to protest and call attention of the public to the facts, in order that we may have a government better worth being patriotic about.

The U. S. government by the act of the Postoffice department in putting on sale the remainders of the periodical stamps at a mere fraction of face value, has placed itself on a level with the Seebeckized countries of Central America. I do not need to go over at this time the vast amount of condemnation the action of these states called forth from collectors a few years ago and which has by no means died down yet. You all know that there was a time when it would have been a difficult matter to find a collector who would stand up for the Seebeck stamps. Are times changed? Has the long continuance of an evil among us perverted our minds? Are we all hypocrites? For now when the chance for profit is brought home to us we hear everywhere collectors saying it is different and congratulating themselves on a chance to buy these periodical stamps below face value. Hundreds of sets are reported sold in all large cities and dealers are handling and advertising them in all the philatelic press. No, we are not all hypocrites; a few collectors have raised up their voices against this thing and I desire to be most emphatically heard among them.

It is evident that philatelic influence was brought to bear on the department in this case. When a government

stoops to that, allowing its postal department to be used as a means of profit to stamp collectors instead of for the convenience of the general public, it is petty—it is deplorable. Collectors know what they do when they sanction it. They are placing their hobby on the basis of the stock and bond market using as a means of speculation what was once a pleasant animadversion. It might not be wondered at to see dealers upholding this infamous proceeding for they may see a profit in it and the interests of the dealers are not always those of collectors though in the long run they are identical. But I must give the dealers the credit of opposing this thing more than collectors. They understand what it means. They have been content to smile at Seebecks in the past and even to make a profit on them occasionally. But to see their own government dealing in stamps is a rather degrading spectacle to most of the wiser of them.

When a government sells its stamps below face value they are no longer worth collecting. They are not worth the price of a reprint or a "specimen". It may be contended that the case of these periodical stamps is different than if they were regular postage stamps and that as they were never put on sale to the public they could have no face value to the public. But they have; they were placed on sale for the public; there was an act passed to that effect; and at one time a collector could buy these at the postoffice (at least the former issue of periodicals) as freely as the regular issues and the act was not repealed when the new issue came out.

What is the reason that collectors are buying so freely of these stamps,

as reports indicate they are doing? In some cases it may be an honest desire to complete their sets cheaply but in most cases it is for mere speculation. They look back to the re-issues of 1856 and 1869 sets and the Department stamps surcharged specimen and see the fancy figures they are now quoted at, and reason to themselves that the same thing will be enacted in the case of the periodical stamps in the course of a few years. Collectors did not buy freely of those early re-issues at the time, in fact a greater part were bought by non-collectors of curios so they became scarce and had fancy values attached to them. They think collectors will not buy these freely and that in a

few years a great demand will spring up for them in the same way. Perhaps they reason rightly; I am afraid they do, they do not realize how they are departing from the original interest of stamp collecting. All this collecting of re-issues, re-prints, specimens, proofs and stamps sold as remainders are carrying us away. Where? to the senseless collecting of everything, devoid as it may be of interest, if only it be scarce and likely to prove a good investment. This is business but it is not philately. I have reason to believe that a great many sets of these periodicals are sold to persons not well posted philatelically, ex-collectors and non-collectors with a speculative turn.

(To be continued.)

Stamp-Hunting

By A. R. MILLARD

These words always remind one of Robie and his novel, but at the time I have in mind Robie "was an unknown quantity" with me. But before I tell you about my first stamp hunt I will introduce myself. I live in a thriving town in Illinois and through the aid of some good political friends I secured a job as janitor in one of the public buildings in this place. At that time I had no knowledge of stamps only as I had occasion to mail a letter. One day as I was at work in one of the offices a prominent lawyer came in and had a short talk with the clerk in charge and at once commenced to look through the files of old papers which were arranged in large cases all around the wall, extending from floor to ceiling. His movements excited my curiosity and after he left I asked the clerk what he was doing and he said he was hunting stamps. I at once began to inform myself about stamps and became very much interested. The thought then

came to me that if a lawyer with as large a clientage as this man had could make a business of stamp hunting there ought to be something in it for a poor man like myself, so I thought I would make a try of it. I at once approached my friend, the clerk, for permission to clean up his papers for the stamps, and needless to say I got the job. I at once commenced to shake the dust of years from them. I will never forget the first stamp I found, a 1c Imp. of '51 issue. I afterwards found it to be of the broken circle variety. I only found a few that day and as I had no catalogue at that time I did not know what they were or the value of them. I took them home and put them in a small memorandum book and my wife looked over my shoulder and said, "What in the world are you going to do with those things." It is a great contrast to compare that, my first album, with my present Scott's. Well, I kept on with my hunting and

found stamps of all kinds and still my catalogue from Mekeel had not come. I got the 5c brown of the '47 issue and then got in a nest of others, all kinds, and then my heart began to jump for there in one bunch was the 3c red, 10c green, 12c black and 24c lilac of '54-'56 issue, 1c blue, 3 types brown 12, 24, 30 and 90c, and to cap the climax my catalogue arrived. Then of course I had to stop hunting to find out what I had already found. After spending the evening with my stamps and catalogue I arose in the morning a confirmed stamp "crank." It would be very wearisome to describe my finds in detail but will say I found in the next month such stamps as would warm the hearts of many of the older "cranks," let alone a young one like myself. Of the '61 issue I found 1c blue, 3c rose by the hundred, nearly all the shades and Grills, the 5c brown, olive and buff, '69 issue 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 12c and then on down the line. By this time the older collectors began to call on me and want to trade. But I was not ready for that yet. Well, I finished the papers in that room; and Oh, what a lot of fine stamps I had. But away down in the basement in a room under the stairs were piles upon piles of boxes full of old papers that belonged to another department and then I began to feel around and fix so I could get permission to look through them. At last to my joy I received the desired permission and commenced work at once. Piles of old papers to go through and unknown lots of possibilities, "you know how it is boys." Well I opened a box and saw a blue stamp. I removed it carefully and saw on the back the 9x13 Grill. You ought to have seen me go for those papers and if you could have seen those blue beauties turn up. From that one box I took 300 cancelled and 40 uncanceled. For three months after my days work was done I would light my lantern and wend my way down-

ward and at 10 p. m. go home to supper with all my pockets full of such stamps as the 1c Grill '68, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c '69, 1c '70-'71 and also a varied assortment of department and revenue stamps, until my sleep was a stamp dream and stamp hunts occurred at night as well as day. From this one building I took over \$300 worth of stamps ranging in catalogue value from 1c to a 90c justice catalogue value \$50. So you see Robie is not the only stamp hunter. In conclusion I will say that after I made a trip to St. Louis and left \$250 or \$300 worth of stamps with my friends and came home and dropped the money in my wife's lap her opinion about those things had undergone a radical change.

The post office department furnishes figures showing that the average person in South Carolina, including men, women and children, spends 25 cents per capita per annum for postage stamps and in Alabama 35 cents per capita, Arkansas 37 cents and North Carolina 41 cents per capita. The New England states seem to lead with Massachusetts at the head, she spending \$2.30 on postage per annum. Then comes New York next with an expenditure of \$2.27 per annum. The District of Columbia is third with \$2.16. Then Colorado in the far west joins the crowd by being fourth with \$1.93, and Connecticut is fifth with \$1.80.—C. E. DUDDING.

"Read everything, hold fast that which is good" is a good motto. This is applicable to the collecting of stamps. Accumulate all kinds of stamps; hold fast to those which are good.

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Some Postmarks

BY MRS. C. B. F.

Having received quite a number of "covers" from our various "colonies" I was much interested in the styles of postmarks. First at hand are the Porto Ricans; one cover bears an unsurcharged 5c blue Grant; the postmark is oval and black with white lettering, badly blurred. The upper curved line of the inscription I cannot decipher; in a straight line through the middle is the word "Certificado," and in a curved line at the bottom is "Puerto Rico." On the reverse of the envelope, one "Recd." stamp is "Mayaguez, Porto Rico, Mil. Sta. No. 3," and date, so I judge it must have been sent from the interior or perhaps from some small "garrison" of U. S. soldiers, where there was no cancelling stamp but the one in use "befo' the war." The next is the ordinary appearing postmark of black lettering and has "Military Sta. 1" in upper part of the circle and "Porto Rico, Wash., D. C." in lower part with date in center. The cancelling stamp or obliteration is elliptical, very black, with a plain circular space in center containing a large "1". This cover bears two of the ordinary rose 2c and a 1c green. The next one I notice is another blue "Grant," postmarked "Mil. Sta. No. 7, W. D. C." above and "Yanco, Porto Rico" below, with date in center. Still another is "Arecibo Sta." above, "Porto Rico" below and date in center. Another bearing a 5c Omaha is "Military Sta. 1" above and "Porto Rico, Wash., D. C." below. Another with the same postmark has two 2c and a 1c, Omahas. One from Mayaguez has no stamp but "Collect postage 10c" and on the back is the 10c due stamp. Another was sent as an open letter and still contains a copy of *Revista Mercantil*, printed in Spanish at

San Juan. A 1c Omaha prepaid it "Via Habana," postmarked "Mil. Sta. No. 4, W. D. C." above and "San Juan, Porto Rico" below. Another from Yanco had only 2c paid and on the reverse of the cover is a pair of 3c dues. All the above are with the unsurcharged stamps. The covers with the surcharged stamps are all similarly postmarked except one, which has a larger circle, rather irregular or scalloped with "Playa Ponce" above and "Porto Rico" below, color a faded bluish pink, and letters larger than any others noted.

Of Cuban covers I have one postmarked Havana, Cuba, and another Habana. "Military Sta. 1, Santiago de Cuba," and date, doesn't make an ill-looking postmark but "Military Sta." above, "N. Y. P. O." below, in curved lines, and "No. 3, Guantanamo," and two lines for date, all in straight lines in central position, about fills all the space inside the circular frame and looks too crowded. The postmark for Cienfuegos is much the same but has only one line for date and "Cuba" in the lower straight line.

The postmark for "Mil. Sta. No. 1, Philippine Islands, San Francisco, Cal." is one of the old-fashioned sort, nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter; the above inscription is in the outer space, separated from the date by a circular line. Date is in three lines in the central circle, color dirty lavender. I have also one from the Philippines that has ordinary size of postmark in black, but blurred so I can't read it. All of them, blurred or plain, are very dear to a cover crank like myself.

To come home again, it will pay the minor variety postal card crank to look at our current U. S. cards with critical

eye. One sent me from Mass. some time since has a break in the line above "E" of "United;" "P" of "Postal" is deformed, also "is" of "this," and there is a break in the oval surrounding the head. One coming from San Francisco is the same only no break in the oval. Another has but the right hand slanting line to "A" of "Address." In still another the "N" of "United" has the slanting line broken in the center. All caused, no doubt, by some accident to the plate, yet such is the craze for "varieties" I suppose these are a worth notice and to be saved.

If mention has been made, before, of these items, I beg pardon, for I didn't intend to "crib."

Philately

Written Especially for the "West" by C. H. JOHNSTON

Philately is just what you make it. Some make it a hobby, while others, by deep study, make it truly a science. But, whatever you make of it, there is certainly an ever present, unseen force at work, which draws the true philatelist more and more into its mysteries, and the more he studies his collection, the more new features he will find. Take the small boy, who is just starting his collection. He practically knows nothing of the great science of philately. With what keen interest he scans each new specimen. Each new stamp brings renewed enthusiasm. But if this is all, if he only sees in it the beauty it possesses by its difference from the other stamps in his collection, he soon loses his enthusiasm, disposes of his collection for little or nothing, and silently drops out of the great ranks of philately. On the other hand, if he be persistent, and studies his stamps, their country, origin, value etc., then he sees the real beauty, and his interest instead of dying out, deepens until he is in the ranks to stay. This is the boy who becomes the great collector, and whom the brotherhood of philately is glad to meet as one of its members.

There is no reason why every young collector cannot attain this high standard. To him I say, do not be in too

much of a hurry. Buy good stamps whenever and wherever you find them, but wait until you find good ones. Don't fill up your collection with a lot of rubbish. Be careful in your selections and you will have a collection that is valuable and one that you will not be ashamed to show to your philatelic friends.

To the old collectors I say, keep up the high standard which you must have followed to procure a good collection, for everyone who starts a collection makes yours all the more valuable.

And so, let us look at philately, not as a mere fad, to be petted for awhile and then forgotten, but as a deep science to be studied and re-studied; for the more we study it, the more will we discover.

There could be no better time than the present to begin collecting stamps. There has been so much of interest in a philatelic way that has transpired during the past year or so, so many new issues have been made, so many new stamp and envelope designs have been engraved and put in use, that one finds lots that is of interest on every hand. Start a collection and be in the fashion.

The West is the best, so they say.

Stamp Societies

National meetings Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We are glad to see, and pleased to mention any local society formed, for we have always said that more local and state societies help the cause. There are too many National societies now and we favor the combine of all in one or two.

Milwaukee formed the first society after the stamp meets. It meets at 33 Builders & Traders Exchange building, Johnson, secretary. That city is the convention place for three of the largest societies of America. If the date can be arranged for the same week as the G. A. R. meeting at Chicago there would no doubt be a larger attendance than at any previous meeting. A low railroad rate is what is needed to bring the collectors to attend, that being the main cost.

The Cincinnati Philatelic Association formed with the following officers: Pres., T. Scallan; Vice Pres., A. Wilhelmy; Sec'y., P. N. Weiss; Treas., C. Porte. Collectors of that city are invited to join, and suitable headquarters will be secured in the near future.

The Indianapolis Philatelic society elected the following officers: Pres., G. E. Fiscus; Vice Pres., C. E. Zimmerman; Sec'y., B. F. Egan, 309 Lemeke Bld'g; Treas., C. E. Babcock. Exchange-Manager, G. Bull. For further information write the secretary.

I see there is talk of a new society to be formed at Hastings. Wish it the best of success.

All Omaha collectors who wish to form a local society are requested to drop a line to Bx 355, Omaha. If sufficient number can be secured it is proposed to have a local secretary and club rooms. Let all Omaha collectors

join in and make a grand success of the organization.

Where there are five or more collectors I advise them to form a local society. It pays.

No doubt many people who know nothing about stamp collecting are skeptical regarding the interest taken in stamps by adults, but if any of these skeptics were in position to step into the offices of some of the leading dealers in New York and were to note how many intelligent-looking, well-dressed men stopped in to either offer to buy or sell stamps, he would soon lose his skepticism and would have to acknowledge that stamp collecting has a large following among adults, and those who are bright, intelligent and well fixed financially, too. The solid business and professional men who are reported as being stamp collectors are not myths. They exist in large numbers, too.

Collecting stamps is a fad, of course, the same as the collecting of any other articles may be termed a fad, but it is one that more and constantly more people are taking up every day, week and year. To say stamp collecting is a fad, is not to speak derogatively of it, for stamp collecting is a pleasing pastime and furnishes amusement and recreation for hundreds and thousands of good people throughout the United States.

Everyone should know something about stamp collecting; everyone should have a fair idea regarding the value of old used postage stamps. Such knowledge might be worth hundreds of dollars some time. One never knows, and it costs but little to collect stamps and read up regarding them,

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President's Message

Having been very sick and in bed for nearly two months, I may have appeared wanting in interest, but this is not so, and I wish it understood that I have an earnest desire for the progress of our society. I think an effort should be made by every present member to increase our membership, and at least every member could add one to us. To make a success, individual effort is required, and each one should show an interest, which in the end would help all concerned. I would earnestly recommend that as many as can join the Philatelic Sons of America, which meets at Milwaukee in 1900; and every reader should try and attend. The society is one of the best, if not the best in the country. The good you will get far exceeds the small outlay. The Exchange department of the N. P. S. should be well represented, and as we have a live, energetic manager, give him a chance, and dispose of your duplicates.

I recommended in a former number several absolutely reliable dealers in this country. I wish to add another in Canada, W. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro. You will find him reliable in every way and a thoroughly educated gentleman. I wish I could add more, but my experience with Canada dealers has been unfortunate, and I am glad to be able to give one. I do not give advice without being very sure of my information, and the names already given will be enough for any one of us, and I trust the information given will be of practical use to my brothers and sisters in our society.

Hoping soon that we shall show a decided increase in our numbers.

Respectfully,

R. L. PAYNE, Pres't

Secretary's Report

The following members renewed promptly for the coming year. "G thou and do likewise."

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We would be pleased to hear from the following members whose dues expire during December. The dues are so small that you will never miss the money, so help us and yourself as well by renewing. Notices of expiration of membership will hereafter be published each month, not as an implied "dun," or a "roast," but as a matter of courtesy to the members whose dues expire.

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No applications for membership received this month. With our Auction and Exchange departments in good working order, and our Official Organ bigger and better than ever, can you honestly afford to drop your membership rather than pay up your dues, amounting to twenty-five cents per year?

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Collectors should use nothing but a good stamp hinge. I sell the "Climax" hinge, the best on the market. There is nothing better at any price. Money back if not as good as the best. (Regular price, 10c). Prices postpaid, 1000 7c; 3000 20c.

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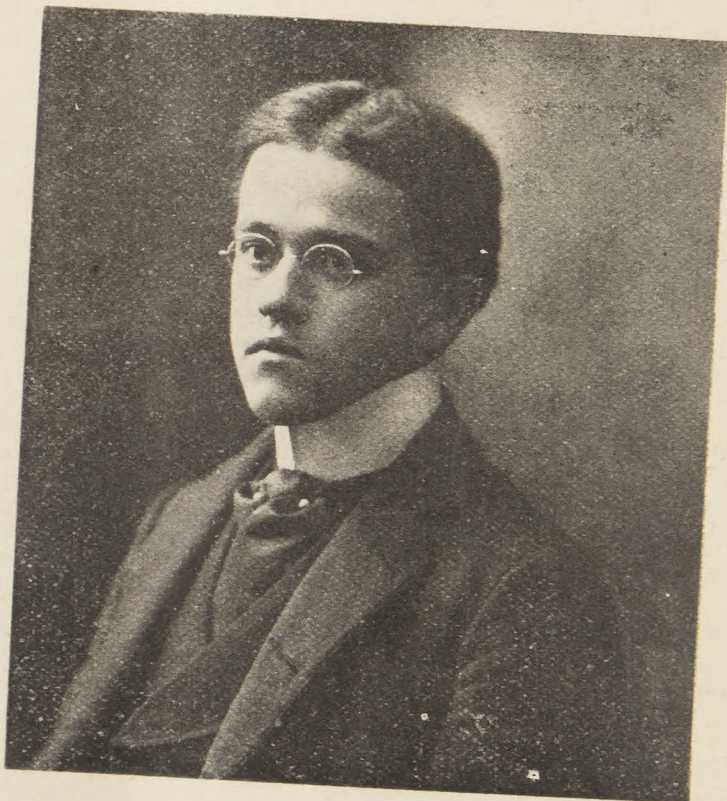
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In the year 1898 there were 5,250,000 special delivery stamps sold by Uncle Sam. We will say that the average journey of a special delivery messenger is half a mile. This is an absurd underestimate, but we will let it go at that. At the above assumption the total distance traveled for special delivery in 1898 was at least 2,262,000 miles. That is no short distance to travel, as may be realized when it is considered that a messenger boy in order to travel that distance would have to go about 1,100 times around the world, or five times to the moon and back.—Chas. E. Dudding.

A Washington collector has an entire envelope with a Filipino stamp on, the stamp having evidently done postal duty. The stamp was sent him by his brother, who is in the Philippines.

A good stamp, and one rather hard to get hold of, unused, is the 6d. green of the 1888 issue for New South Wales. It was in use less than a year.

There is a variety of the current 6-cent stamp of the United States that is of such a pronounced dark shade that it is worthy of collecting.

Few countries are richer in revenue stamps than Mexico. Everything seems to be taxed down there.

Chile is soon to have a set of stamps, of entirely new design.

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Editorial



FROM a correspondent we received a one cent green Canada envelope with a diagonal on half of the three cent maple leaf surcharged 2cts, used as 1 cent. The stamp, however, has a decided appearance of having been cancelled to order. It bears a postmark of Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, and is addressed to Middle Stewiacke, N.S. It is possible, however, that it actually did postal duty. It shows quite a fall for the aristocratic 3 cent maple leaf. Originally the

brightest and the prettiest of the set, it submitted to the disfiguring surcharge reducing its value to two cents, and finally being cut in two diagonally and does duty as 1 cent.

THE International Philatelic Review, a new publication in the stamp line, came out on Oct. 10, and was closely followed by the second volume. It is a breezy, up-to-date little paper, full of good hints to collectors. The leading feature is an article in regard to United States envelopes, with illustrations of the distinguishing marks of the different dies and issues. U. S. envelopes is a branch of philately that receives very little attention, especially at the hands of beginners, and even advanced collectors often avoid them. Articles and suggestions that will aid the collector in classifying them, are therefore of great benefit to collectors.

Considerable adverse comment is being hurled at our Uncle Sam by certain philatelic papers on account of the recent surcharge of stamps for Guam. It was not the purpose or intention of our good uncle to issue a large number or high values of these stamps, but when our agent at Guam received so many letters and requests for stamps that his small supply was exhausted, what was he to do? What would any business man in a like position have done? Why, get more, and as quickly as possible, too! Stamps are made for the purpose of providing revenue for the government, and so long as there is a sale for them they will probably be issued, and quite properly too, we think. We only regret that the current issues of the \$2.00 and \$5.00 were not surcharged also. The first three values issued were offered by enterprising dealers at \$1.50 per set. Since the new order of things philatelists will be able probably to obtain the set, dollar value and all, for the same money,

and anyone who wants a set can get one. We are glad to note that the day of cornering U. S. stamps is over.

AT THE OF issue of Scott's 59th it was freely predicted and asserted that fifty per cent. discount from those prices would be a thing of the past. How well this prediction has been realized may be seen by a glance over the advertising columns of the different philatelic publications, in which stamps are freely offered at fifty per cent. off. Only a few dealers have had the nerve to advertise that they only allow 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ off, and most of them qualify the statement by making the discount apply only on the high-priced stamps, and allowing the usual 50 per cent. on the low and medium priced stamps. Our experience is that we can still buy some pretty good stamps at 50 per cent. off.

WE CREDIT the following to the Evergreen State Philatelist: "Many have wondered why the official stamps of the postoffice department are of different designs from those of other departments. It is stated that the original dies were similar to those of the other departments, but upon second thought the officials decided to make such a change as that it would be impossible for even the dullest postmaster to confound the official with the regular supply of postage." Ye Gods!! What if a supply of postoffice department stamps printed from dies "similar to those of the other departments" should some day turn up and come into the possession of some enterprising speculator!!!

SO MUCH has been said regarding the proposed publication of a paper to be called The Adhesive, that we are anxiously awaiting a copy. Mr. H. A. Chapman is a well-known writer, and should make a success of the paper. He formerly published the Perforator.

THE following verse appeared in the November number of the Philatelic Review, and while it is "poetry" it is also "truth":

A man who whispers down a well
About the stamps he has to sell
Won't reap the golden, gleaming dollars
Like one who climbs a tree and hollers.

THE abuse of the second class mail matter privilege comes in for considerable notice in the annual report of the postmaster general, and it is pretty certain that this branch will be considered by congress and some measure taken to remedy the evil. At the present time it is stated that at least one-half of the matter sent second class is not entitled to the rate. Many publishers issue cheap sets of standard works, like Dickens, in paper covers, and send them through the mails as second class matter by entering them at the postoffice as such, and stating that they are published every so often.

IF ANY ONE doubts the fact that the WEST is a real live paper, let him examine the November number of the same, 60 pages and cover, making a total of 64 pages. Compare it with other monthly papers (usually 16 pages), and ask yourself if you get your money's worth. Many publications wonder how we do it, but look at the advertisements we carry. No paper in the country has had the phenomenal growth that the WEST has enjoyed, and advertisers realize that it is an advantageous advertising number. Typographically the November number is an improvement over our past issues, and with a new cover and better arrangement of our reading matter and advertising, we expect to keep the WEST the leading monthly philatelic publication of the country.

You will confer a favor, when writing to advertisers, if you will state where you saw their ad.

Our Illustrations**S. J. PETREE**

S. J. Petree, Russellville, Ala., press agent of P. S. of A., the largest society of America, and main agent for the West, is a member of most of the leading societies, and was for a long time editor of Ad. Topics and Alabama Weekly Leader. He has a fine collection of over 6000 varieties, and lacks very few of the U. S. being complete. We have found him always reliable, and the only philatelic press agent to speak of. He offers very low combination rates, and you will do well to write to him. His latest idea is Ad. Coupons, which are very neat. He hopes to attend the stamp convention at Milwaukee in 1900.

SIDNEY S. BARNES

Sidney S. Barnes, Musselfork, Mo., is the western sales superintendent of the P. S. of A., and is postmaster of his city, and a member of nearly all societies. He has a collection of over 4000 varieties, and deals mainly in revenues. His general merchandise business is taking up most of his time at present. He was born in Minneapolis, Kansas in 1878, moved to Marceline, Mo., and in October to his present place of residence.

Business Manager's Say

We advise all those who have a camera, or are going to get one, to send for Panoramic Photography and New Pointers for Amateurs, and other things in Photography, by G. E. Mellen of Chicago. It is the finest thing yet seen.

There have been a few complaints of the Bisbee Camera Co., of Stoughton, Mass. How many of our readers have written to him? He seems very slow in replying to letters.

The advertising account of Robt. Burnham, Providence, R. I., is for sale cheap, or exchange. Does he owe any of our readers? Will give list of all due the West in next number, and if marked, you may know you will be in this list, unless settled by January 20. We do all we can to keep out frauds from our columns, and are glad to hear of any readers may know of, to help for future use, if so needed. We believe all advertisements we carry to be all right, and if not, let us know at once.

We are always glad to get the names of active stamp collectors and camera amateurs.

We desire any new stamp news you may think of interest to others, and cuts of any of our readers, with a short history of their collections.

Sorry to say there were several errors in ads. of last number, but being the first issue by the printers, we hope to have all correct this time.

We are offering a number of prizes for MSS. on stamps. Why not try for one? Miss Locke, of Redding, Iowa, writes, first prize received, and had no idea that my poor effort would win the prize, being only my third article on stamps, my writing heretofore being for household journals. G. Crayton, of Lima, Ohio, says he was quite surprised to receive second prize, being his first attempt at anything of the kind, and did not expect a prize thinking there would be many older persons to compete, and being only fifteen years old and in sophomore year of high school. G. L. Campbell of Southport, England, third prize: "Stamps to hand. Many thanks." Some of his writings may be seen in the New York papers. Twelve prizes are offered, and only three before; you stand more of a show of being successful. Glad to see any MS. that will help collectors.

The date of the paper has been

changed for the reason that throughout the month so many persons are writing for copies, when it is not issued until the last day of the month.

If all readers that write will enclose postage for reply, they will receive an answer by return mail. But our postage is no small item, and if no stamps are sent it is hard to say when letters will be answered.

We are sure that readers will be glad to know this magazine enters upon its sixth year on a firmer foundation than ever. The past year has added many hundreds to our previously large circulation, and still greater strides will be made in that direction. The coming numbers may be expected to be better and larger than previous ones. It is of course through the generous support of our readers and advertisers that this gratifying state of affairs is due, and we trust that each and all will accept our hearty thanks.

The designs for cover we are sorry to say, the engraver said could not be used, and have let the editor take charge of the same and will accept his design. Will gladly return designs if the senders desire; drop me a line, please.

Another fake that needs watching is D. Levering, Jonca, Mo., as being one of the greatest fake makers and pushers in the country. See his airing in American Archaeologist.

The Omaha Stamp Co. report that they got caught by the Eureka Stamp Co., Sherbrooke, Canada, but happy to say they have not yet had an advertisement in the Philatelic West—prices too cheap to be good.

Another old fraud that is under the name of the Star Curio Co., Wakefield, R. I., is none other than Arnold, who used to be in Connecticut. Sorry to see this party in a number of our leading papers—sent us advertisement, but it was refused; caught us under the

name of Arnold a number of years ago. A very bad egg, as Dr. Emery says.

One very good indication of the reliability of a firm is seen in its promptitude of settling advertising contracts, and said to be the most reliable barometer.

Another party that had an advertisement in a number of papers last spring is S. Bagh of Sweden. F. Johnson of Fargo, S. D., said he caught him and others. Also reports Lait of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, who has, I believe, left that city. Have account for sale cheap, or exchange.

Our readers who enjoy music should not fail to send for the catalogue of the National Music Co., Chicago, 266 Wabash Ave. Their Coontown picnic is one of the greatest songs and cake-walks ever written.

Caanh Curio Co. of Nueva Casas, Gejanges, Mexico., has discontinued business, W. Shusser being sick in California at last accounts, and the remaining member of the firm is not reliable.

Send to the Saturday Post, Philadelphia, Pa., for a copy of the oldest and brightest weekly, and most readers say, the best paper ever seen.

The National Magazine of Boston, Mass., gets better with each number, and is hard to beat. Send for a copy.

It is the advertising patronage of a magazine which makes possible its publication, and we have been especially gratified with a high class of ads. We trust that our readers will read them with care, as a great many bargains will be found. When writing to advertisers please mention the Philatelic West. Compared with circulation there is no magazine that gives as low rates to advertisers.

Advertising World: "Your advertisement must either interest, entertain or amuse. If you tire, you dis-

courage. Make your ad. quantity in quality.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, the largest one we get from England, has changed hands, and states it will increase its circulation to 2,000. It is more fair than many of our papers claiming 10,000 or more. We would be pleased to compare lists with any stamp monthly and at any stamp meeting, and especially of "paid subscribers." Our offer of over one year ago is not taken yet.

We offer the Philatelic West for 25 cents and include any stamp monthly of the same price, or any other of higher price if the difference is added; foreign must add five cents for postage.

If your goods are cheap, we can sell them for you; we have the readers. Write for our "cash ad. rates"—can't be beat for circulation—a strong statement, but a straight fact—worth the price, and more! You can't get as many circulars of the same size, let alone the expense of sending out, as a cash ad. in the West will cost. Try it, and see.

The Bay State Phil. says that Robinson is back at Winnipeg from Europe. He forgot to pay his ad. account, and we offer it cheap for most any old thing.

12 PRIZES For Best MSS. on Stamps. Contest open to March, 1900. We offer in Stamps or Camera Supplies the following Prizes for Best MSS. on Stamps: First Prize, \$10.00; Second Prize, \$5.00; Ten Prizes of \$1.00 each for next ten best.

Rules—Each contestant must be a paid subscriber. MSS. must contain at least 500 words. All articles must be original, and postage fully prepaid. All articles to be published in the Magazine if they suit.

For particulars, send postage to Business Manager, L. T. BRODSTONE, Superior, Nebr.

NOTICE

If this space is marked you can expect to see your name in

"THE FRAUD COLUMN"

Unless advertisement is settled for by January 25.

Brings Good Results

H. Tuttle of Waterloo, Iowa, writes that a quarter-page ad. in — paper cost \$1.75 and brought one 15c order. The same ad. in the WEST, at \$1.00 less cost, secured for him twenty-six 45c orders and nine duplicate orders, one party taking eight besides. Orders are still coming in.

One stamp company whose ad. appeared in the July number reports 700 applications for one stamp in their ad.

Give the WEST a fair trial as an advertising medium. Prices are right, and we guarantee that in this respect the WEST can't be beat.

The international philatelic exposition of Paris next year promises to be an event of considerable proportions and prime importance. The date of the opening has now been settled upon for the 25th of August, 1900, and it will last until September 10th. Admission has been fixed upon at 3 Francs (60c) for the opening day; 50 Centimes (10c) on Thursdays and Saturdays and 1 Franc (20c) all other days. Intending exhibitors should fill out and send before May 31, 1900, a blank signifying their intention to exhibit stating the character of their objects. Such blanks can be obtained from M. Albert Coyette, Secretary of the Philatelic Exposition 1900, 138 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, France.—P. M. and W.

Porto Rico surcharges are now a thing of the past. No more U. S. stamps will be surcharged for use on that island, nor will Porto Rico have a special set of stamps, but U. S. stamps, unsurcharged, will be used on mail matter both to and from the island.

Nebraska Philatelic Society

APPLICATION BLANK

.....1900

To the Secretary:
I hereby apply for membership, and annex the information required in support of my application:

NAME..... POSTOFFICE.....

AGE..... OCCUPATION..... STATE.....

Reference--(One person must sign here in his own handwriting)

Extracts From Constitution

Article II. Sec. 1. Any one of good moral character residing in the state of Nebraska is eligible to membership. Application shall be made to the secretary upon blank furnished for that purpose, and must be accompanied by the initiation fee and dues for the first year's membership. Name and address of applicant shall be published in the next appearing number of the official journal, and if no objections are filed with the secretary within two weeks after publication of the application, the applicant shall be declared elected, and shall receive his membership certificate.

Article II. Sec. 3. The annual dues of this society shall be twenty-five cents. An initiation fee shall of ten cents be charged all applicants. Both to be paid at time of application.

All applicants are required to furnish the following particulars: Are you a member of any society? If so, enumerate such, and give number..... In what year did you commence?..... Have you a specialty?..... Name it.....

Send this application, when properly filled out, together with ten cents initiation fee and twenty-five cents dues, should be mailed to the secretary, A. C. Daily, 1008 New York Life Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

The Philatelic Sons of America

The Largest and Best Society in America
Fill out the Blank and Send at Once

To Secretary, C. W. Kissinger, Box 268, Reading, Pa.:

Sir: I wish to become a member of the P. S. of A., and subscribe for One Share of Stock, 25 cents, and for balance of the year, 5 cents; total, 30 cents.

Signed.....

Age..... Address.....

Occupation..... Reference.....

Members receive the Official Organ, The Perforator, uses of sales, auction, purchasing department, attorney, library, information bureau, and many other benefits. Blanks sent on receipt of postage.

CAMERA NEWS

H. V. THORNTON, Editor, 304 N. State St., Irving D. 1, Chicago, Ill.

Photographic Notes

Copying Engravings and Maps.—One often wants to copy a map, plan, or engraving. For example, we contemplate spending a few days by the sea. Our map of the place is a large one. We only want the part of it which gives us, say, five miles round. Proceed thus:—Pin your map (upside down) against a flat wall, set your camera squarely opposite the center of the part to be copied, get the best focus you can with largest stop; then change this for medium stop and adjust focus again; finally put in smallest stop, give a fairly full exposure, and develop your developer with water. Keep the plate covered up all the time during development, develop for strong density, print on smooth bromide paper. Do not put your copy, i. e., the map, in a very bright light; a soft diffused light and full exposure will give you much better results. Your aim is to get a black and white negative in sharp focus all over.

Developing Solutions that will Keep.—It is of great importance to the amateur, who only requires his developers at irregular intervals, to prepare the developing solutions in such a way that they will keep in good working condition. The favorite "preservative" is sulphate of soda. Now, it is important to remember that the preserving action of this substance depends upon its being free from alkali, which is seldom the case in most commercial samples. Hence it is of practical importance to neutralise only present alkali by the addition of a suitable acid. The acids

most in public favor are:—Citric, nitric or sulphuric. The first is, perhaps the most convenient to use. Only add just enough acid (and no more than enough) to turn the solution acid—i. e., so that it is just acid enough to turn blue litmus red. And don't forget to use good, sound corks or glass stoppers.

How to Wash a Plate Quickly.—Take the largest dish you possess. Let us suppose this to be a 9 by 7 dish. Put your plate (say a quarter-plate), in the corner of the dish nearest the spout. Now put the dish on your sink. Turn on the tap so that you get quite a small stream, and arrange so that it falls into the dish at the corner opposite to the spout. But the water should not fall directly onto the plate. Then place below the dish a small bit of wood, cut like a wedge, and put it just below the corner where the water enters the dish. In this way you get a stream entering the dish at one corner, and quickly running out at the opposite corner, and all the water has to flow over the surface of the negative. This is the quickest possible washing contrivance.

Centering Photo Prints.—One of the very common difficulties with the photographer who only mounts a few prints at a time, is that of getting a print in just the right position on the mount. Of course mounting small prints on small mounts is easy enough, but the difficulty comes in when we want to mount a print on say a 10 by 8 mount. The way of getting over this is really very simple. First take a piece of card, brown paper, or other

lean paper (without printing or writing) exactly the same size as the mount to be used. Now apply to the back of the print, the mountant, e. g., starch, paste, etc. Next lay the print face down on the brown paper, and arrange it just where you want it to come on the card. This done, all you need to do is to bring your card down "edge to edge," corner to corner," with the brown paper. Then the card mount will pick up the print in the same relative position that it was on the brown paper. This method is quick and sure.

Instantaneous photographs taken by A. Louis Boutan with a camera ten feet under water have shown fishes two yards away, and he estimates that good instantaneous pictures can be had from a camera submerged twenty-five feet below the surface.

Iridescent Stains on the Negative. — These rainbow-like markings on the negative indicate need of attention to several small matters. First, do not keep your plates in an impure atmosphere—e. g., where gas is burnt. Plates will keep for years in good condition if stored in a cool, dry, and pure air. Secondly, under exposure and forced development, especially where excess of ammonia is used, will often give these stains on perfectly good and fresh plates. But, having got them, the next thing is to learn how they may be removed. This will nearly always solve the difficulty:—Take a small piece of quite clean old rag, moisten it with methylated spirit. Then spread the moist rag over the finger-end, and rub firmly, but gently and quickly, and slowly the stain will rub away. Caution.—Avoid having the rag too wet, avoid a harsh piece of rag, or one with knots or seams, avoid needless force, and use reasonable patience.

Photographing Plants as they Grow. — The latest move on the part of the

Agricultural Department is the adoption of the moving picture machine for the purpose of recording the growth of flowers, plants, etc. For this end a special camera has been designed and perfected, having a clockwork attachment which makes an exposure automatically every hour during the day, while at night the exposures are made by a magnesium flashlight contrivance, producing a brilliant flash simultaneously with the opening of the shutter at each hour. Twenty-four negatives are obtained daily, showing the exact amount of growth which the plant has made during this interval. The question whether a particular plant will grow in a certain soil, and the length of time it takes for it to mature, is an important point to the seedsman, gardener and farmer. To determine the most correct and improved methods, and this without outlay of time and money to the farmers and others, the government is carrying on at the various agricultural experiment stations at Washington and elsewhere throughout the country a series of practical researches and tests in all the various departments and branches of the agricultural industry. Over six hundred specialists are employed in the work of administration and inquiry. The results of their labours are indexed and classified, and sent out monthly in the shape of bulletins from these stations. It is the intention of the Agricultural department to make a set of lantern slides from the plates obtained through the medium of the moving camera for the purpose of illustrating lectures on plant life and growth by throwing the pictures on the screen. These are to be used especially for the students in the several state agricultural colleges, as well as for the botanical lectures of various scientific institutions. Interesting data for those engaged in the lumber business has been obtained as to the

rate of growth of a number of commercial trees. The slowest growing tree was found to be the short-leaf pine of New Jersey, which only grew forty-one feet in fifty years, sixty-four in one hundred years. The quickest growing was found to be the Douglass spruce of Oregon, which grew ninety-two feet in fifty years, one hundred and thirty-two feet in eighty years.

Focusing in Dark Interiors.—There are various hints all worth knowing in this connection. First, in a private room one can generally use a lighted flame, placed at various parts of the apartment will be found a great help. In public places, e. g., church, etc., this is seldom possible, but tip number two is worth remembering. Look about for some white object, e. g., white paper, card, pocket handkerchief. Now we want some smaller, well defined dark object, e. g., large door key, etc. Place the dark object on the light back ground; then use a focusing magnifier. The third hint is a matter of calculation. Suppose the nearest object to be ten feet away and the most distant to be sixty feet away, the rule is multiply the nearest distance ten feet by the farthest sixty feet, double this and divide by the sum of the two distances,

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \times 60 \times 2 \\ \hline 10 \times 60 \end{array}$$

i. e., ten plus sixty. Thus: say, 17 feet. Then focus for some object 17 feet away, and put in your smallest stop.

How to Tint Photographs in Water Colour.—By photographs we here mean the ordinary silver albumen print—the kind of thing one usually gets from the professional photographer or dealer in photo scrap views. Two points only need attention. We must first procure from a dealer in artists' materials some "prepared oxgall." A few drops of this are mixed with half a wine-glassful of clean cold water. This, if evenly brushed all over the surface of the

print, will remove the greasy-paper like nature and make the water colour take kindly. The second is an equally simple matter. Good quality gum arabic is dissolved in water to form mucilage as thick as treacle. Of the two or three drops are added to half wineglassful of water, and this diluted gum water is used for mixing the colours. The object of the gum water is to help the colour to take and also to prevent the print drying dead and dull.

"In Case of Accident."—A Broker's Measure.—One of the many accidents that may befall you is that of breaking your measuring glass. In such cases you may be able to manage with a wine glass for a day or two. First, take a strip of gum paper (stamp edging), and fix this vertically outside your wine-glass, so that it reaches from the top to the bottom of the glass. Now take a teaspoon, a dessert-spoon and a table-spoon, all of ordinary size, neither large nor small. Place in your wine-glass one teaspoonful of water, and mark its level on the paper strip, then add another teaspoon, and again a mark, and so on till you have 8 teaspoon marks. Empty the glass and begin again with one dessert-spoonful. This should agree with two teaspoons—that is 4 desserts should exactly equal 8 teaspoons. Again test the table-spoon, which should be equal to 4 teaspoons or 2 dessert-spoons. Thus a teaspoon should be 1 dram, a dessert-spoon 2 drams, tablespoon 4 drams. Don't forget that a fluid ounce is 8 drams.

How to make a Plate Duster.—Of course the best thing for this purpose is a broad soft camel's hair brush. But it is not always easy to meet with this kind of a brush at a moderate price. The following will, however, make you a very good substitute. Take a piece of stout brown paper about 18 inches long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. (Exact sizes do not very much matter, and may be altered to suit circumstances). Now

ld over one end of your strip of paper get a fold $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 inches wide. gain fold this over and over until all our paper is used up. You have now piece about $2\frac{1}{2}$ long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ wide of several folds. Now take a bit of velvet and fold it over one end of your paper. A few stitches will keep it in place. With the soft velvet end of our paper pad you can dust your plates. Be careful that the velvet is clean and free from dust. It need not be new.

Fixing Bath.—Convenient Way of Fixing.—You will find it convenient and economical to buy your Hypo in fairly large quantities. The Hypo should be kept in a dry place; an earthenware jar with lid is a convenient receptacle. Select any small vessel, such as a $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. jar. Fill this with the crystals of hypo to the top level, not heaped up. Empty this into your fixing dish or bath. Now fill up the same jar with tepid water and empty this onto the crystal in the fixing dish. Repeat this three times, and by the time the crystals are dissolved, the water will be again quite cold and the bath ready for use. If you are using quarter-plate size, then a small, strong child's glass tumbler (usually sold at 5c each) will be a convenient measuring vessel. But the thing to remember is one measure of crystals of hypo and four measures of tepid water.

How to Make Lantern Slides.—The procedure to be adopted in regard to the making of lantern slides is not a difficult one for the photographer who is familiar with the ordinary operations of exposing and developing dry plates. There are a number of brands of good lantern plates, and one should be selected, and that make adhered to, for the reason that each make has its own peculiarities, and one being mastered, facility of working with it will be attained and the best results secured. These plates not being so sensitive to

the light as ordinary dry plates, a lamp with a thickness of pale yellow glass or yellow fabric can be used instead of the ordinary photographic ruby light, and the former will usually be found more pleasant to work by than the latter. The negative to be used having been placed in an ordinary printing frame (though a specially-made frame may be used if the worker cares to go to this expense), the box of lantern plates is opened in the dark room by the light of the aforementioned lamp, and the plate placed film side to the film of the negative over the portion it is desired to include in the slide. The frame is then closed and the negative is exposed to the light of an ordinary lamp or gas flame. Most lantern-plate makers give some rough guide to the time an average negative should be exposed, and also the developer they recommend to be used. Hydroquinone gives very good results, and Rodinal is also a reliable and easily managed developer. For the latter the following formulæ may be used:—Rodinal 1 part, water 30 parts. Development should be carried slightly farther than the density required in the finished slide, as the plate will lose somewhat in the fixing bath. It will be found a useful rule to vary the exposure to suit the developer rather than the latter to suit the former. After development the plate should be well rinsed in water and placed in the fixing bath. This should be freshly made, so that it is clean and will not discolour the slides, and be of the following strength:—Hypo 4 ozs., water 1 pt. The plate should be allowed to remain in the bath slightly longer than when it is apparently fixed, so that the fixation may be thorough. It should then be washed in running water for at least half an hour, and stood to dry in a place free from dust. This is important as any particles floating in the air would probably settle on the damp gelatine, and

specs and blotches which would appear very slight in themselves, when magnified by the lantern, would ruin the appearance of the slide. The slide being quite dry, the next step is to block out the portions of the picture which are not required to be seen with a black paper mask, laid upon the film side of the slide. This side of the slide must also be protected from scratches, etc., when handling, by a cover glass being laid upon it, the two glasses being bound together by strips of black or coloured paper. Masks of all shapes can be obtained from any photographic dealer, also the binding strips. The cover glasses can be made by stripping and cleaning any spoiled plates, or special glasses can, of course, be purchased. Having protected the film of the slide with a cover glass and bound it, a white spot should be placed in the top corners of the same as it lays face upwards on the table. These are necessary in order that when the operator is putting the slide into the lantern he may know at a glance which is the top and which the bottom of the slide.

Finding Defects in the Camera Bellows or Joints.—First select a bright day. Set up the camera on the tripod. Put in lens as usual, and put the cap on lens. Then extend the bellows; remove the ground glass. Cover up the end of the camera with focussing cloth, with your head underneath, and close the eyes for a few seconds so as to get accustomed to the darkness. Now turn the camera round in all directions so that if there be a hole anywhere the sun may find it out and show you. Examine well the front of the camera, for sometimes it happens that light finds its way between the lens flange and the front of the camera. If any leakage is found in the wood work stop it up with a tiny speck of putty, or sealing wax, or soap. If there be a hole in the bellows, this should be made right by applying a bit of black court plaster inside and outside.

Companion Stories for 1900

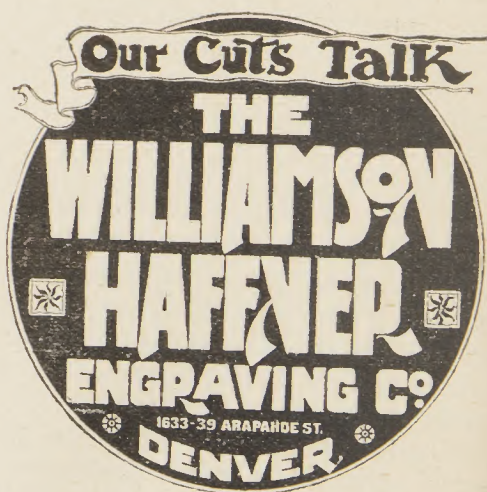
The stories published in the Youth Companion portray the manly and womanly virtues with no sacrifice of interest or vitality, and they appeal to the sympathies of old and young alike. During 1900 the Companion will offer special series of stories—among them being stories of Former Political Campaigns and Adventures of Linemen.

Besides these there will be a score of stories for girls by such writers as Sarah Orne Jewett, Mary E. Wilkins, Margaret Deland, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Edith Wharton, Kate Chopin, and Margaret Sangster. There will be four serial stories—"A Prairie Infanta," by Eva Wilder Brodhead; "Running a Merry-Go-Round," by Charles Adams; "The School House Farthest West," by C. A. Stephens; and "Cushing Brothers," by Ray Stannard Baker. In addition there will be two hundred other short stories by the most gifted of American writers of fiction.

All new subscribers will receive the Companion's new calendar for 1900, suitable as an ornament for the prettiest room in the house.

Illustrated Announcement Number containing a full prospectus of the volume for 1900 will be sent free to any address. The Youth's Companion, 203 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

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Would be glad to receive hints or suggestions to the advantage of the club, and wish names of all active camera people.

You may have two or more plates of the same subject which you can exchange with other members and increase your collection. I have a number, and would be glad to send list to any who have duplicate prints to exchange, and would be pleased to get list.

A great many new camera papers have appeared in the last few months, and a Minnesota one is the finest yet seen. It will pay all members to send for a copy.

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Would advise readers to try J. B. Sutcliffe paper, for it is not in the trust, and is the only paper that I know of at one dollar per gross for cabinet or 4x5 size.

We offer a prize valued at \$2.50 to person sending most new members before January 23. Must be at least five applications sent. Second prize valued at \$1.00; third prize, 3 photo books, valued at from 25c to 50c each. Wish to see the club number 300 by February. Who will help? L. BRONSTONE, Sec.

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253. G. W. Craig, 518 N. 23d St., Omaha, 5x7 and 4x5 cameras.
254. A. L. Shaffer, 4514 Hamilton St., Omaha; 5x7 camera.
255. Geo. W. Roberts Jr., 4223 Miami St., Omaha; 5x8 camera.

APPLICATIONS

256. E. E. Swanson, Aurora, Nebr.; x5 Premo, Wizard. Has 4x5 and smaller prints of Omaha exposition and other, to exchange.
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Communications from Nebraska amateurs are solicited, and will add much to the interest of this department.

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A large number of copies of Harper's Weekly, Scribner's Magazines, and other periodicals to exchange for stamps. Liberal exchange given for U S and foreign—C. L. O. Lucken, Box 345, Duluth, Minn.

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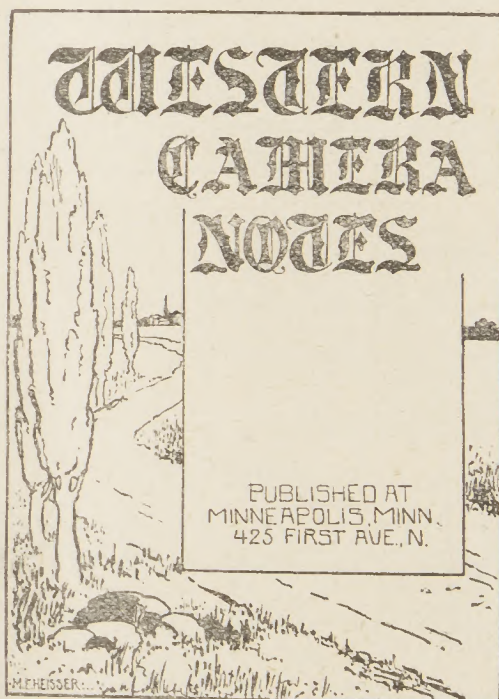
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Job printing given for U S stamps, Indian relics, coins, curios, etc. Write what you have I want an old flint lock pistol Queen Isabella quarter, \$1 and \$2 Omaha stamps. \$2, \$3 \$4 and \$5 Columbian stamps. Reference, L F Brodstone—T. O. Young, New Haven, N. Y.

Collectors U S and foreign, I have good U S postage and revenues to exchange at 59 catalog prices. U S collectors send sheets and receive mine by return mail. Foreign collectors send from 50 to 1000 stamps by Reg. mail and receive equal values in U S revenues and postage—A R Milard, 831 South 12th St, Springfield, Ill.

Set 1 2 3 4 5 10 25 50 and 1 \$1 fine U S 1898 Doc Revenues only 5 cents; 10 sets fine condition 35 cts. Post free—James W Seils, 10 1/2 N 8th St., St. Louis, Mo.

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A R Milard, 831 S 12th St. Springfield, Illinois, wants to X stamps with U S and foreign collectors. U S collectors send sheets and receive mine by return mail. Foreign collectors send 50 to 200 stamps of your country registered and I will return equal value in U S postage and revenues. References, Brodstone.

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I have a large quantity of single and sets of copper coins from all parts of the world, including 1/2 cent and large cents U, S, and also volumes of magazines, etc., everything in fine condition to trade for stamps, especially U S departments, unused, foreign revenues, high values (above \$1) new U S revenues or higher values 1st issue, U S revenues 2c and 3c. Write me. R L Payne, No. 116 and Pres. N P S and No. 1203, P S of A.

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Arrow points from Ohio at 5, 10, and 15 cts. each; your money back if not satisfactory—Jno Gardeña Jr, Newton, California.

Petrified wood, cactus and mineral specimens, for anything useful or ornamental—Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Providence, Gunnison Co., Colorado.

I desire to X foreign, U S and revenues for U S and revenues only. I will allow stamps to the value of 1 1/2 cents for every cents worth I retain of sheets sent me, but all stamps must Cat. 5c or over. I will be pleased to hear from you and of your duplicates, no matter how small your selection may be—Carl D Bruckner, Monica, Pa.

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I have 200 copies Harper's Young People, 100 copies of Puck, Judge, Frath, etc., also other papers, magazines and stamps Cat. \$20 and one new pair nickel plated, rubber cushioned roller skates, cost \$5, to X for shot gun or printing press (6 by 5 or larger) and outfit—E B Saupley, Box 89, Marsfield, Mo.

A V nickle (with cents) for every 10 cts unused Omaha or 2 unused die A envelopes, 10 Meekel Daily Item for best offer in good U S—G R Barker, 145 N Emporia, Wichita, Kan.

Wanted X with medium collectors, except in U S and Canada. Adhesives and entires. Write first. J Schaller, New Ulm, Minn.

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Wanted X relations with collectors having the unused Canada, New Foundland and Hawaii issues catalogued und 15c for 1 S off my sheets, \$5 2d issue rev five for 90c Treasury; 1c 2d issue rev for 10c or 12c 1869—F E Ralston, Rice Hill, Mo, Box 135.

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I have bought out a small stamp dealer and will X any or all of the different articles for used Canada postage stamps. Would prefer Jubilees, Maple Leaf and the Surcharges but won't refuse any kind. Write, you will get an answer anyway—A W Buswell, Barton, Vt, Lock Bx 61.

Set 12 var. Prop. rev. 20c—Carl W Heimbeck, Moline, Ill.

Send 6c for 500 "Best" stamp hinges, 1000 for 10c, 3000 for 20c, post paid—F N Chapin, 109 Euclid Ave, Springfield, Mass.

Indian arrow heads or books to X for stamps—E J Mackey, Superior, Neb.

Exchange wanted with collectors all over the world. Send me your duplicate sheets and receive mine. Basis, Scott's 59 edition. I also desire to X stamps for Indian relics—Dell Thorn, Clyde, Wayne Co, New York.

Will X 1864 entire envelopes with patent lines for other entire—Richard Townsend, 5536 Graham Place, Pittsburg, Pa.

May Jackson, 18 Alfred St, N Fletzy, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, wishes to Ex stamps and see copies of stamp papers.

Viking bicycle, 1899 model, ridden only a few times. Veeder cyclometer, carry bag, luggage carrier, toe clips. Cost \$56. Would like to exchange for postage stamps. Correspondence solicited—B H Tipton, Helena, Mont.

Have 6 bound volumes of West complete except vol 1, for sale at \$1 each. Come quick before all are taken—Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

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Give us a bid in coins, books, money or anything else for the stamps you want.—So, Cal. Stamp Co., Santa Ana, Cal.

Cario Hunters. I will exchange star fish sea lice, sea cookies and other shells for stamps. 8 to 10 inch star fish 25c post free. Small sample star fish for 2 stamps to pay postage.—R. B. Irwin, Vaughn, Wash.

Imperforated pairs of U. S. and foreign stamps wanted; will give good exchange; also match and medicine stamps—J. F. Johnson, 5 Cedar st., Roxbury, Mass.

E. J. Mackey, Superior, Neb., has jewelry, watches, story papers, books and Indian relics for stamps.

I wish entire post cards and stamps; will return as good as received—L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

Will X U. S. or good foreign stamps for Canadians or Newfoundland, and trade stamps with all countries; send me from 50 to 500 and receive mine in return—John Williams Long, Bloomington, Ill.

I would like to receive lists of prices and exchanges of Indian arrow-heads, tomahawks, and other Indian relics; would like to receive stamp papers and stamp price lists.—Arthur L. Goodall, So. Ottumwa, Iowa.

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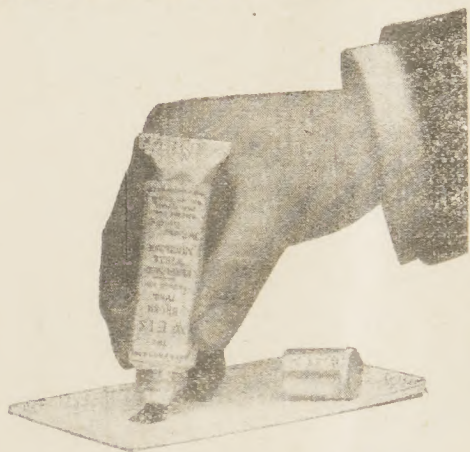
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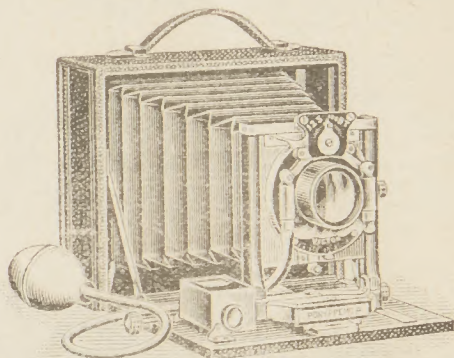
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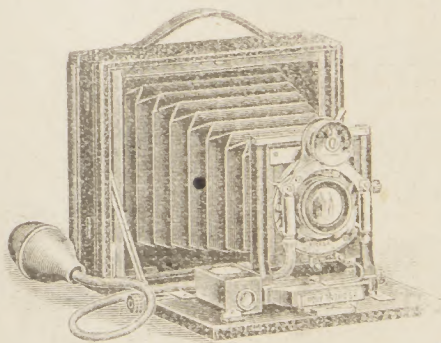


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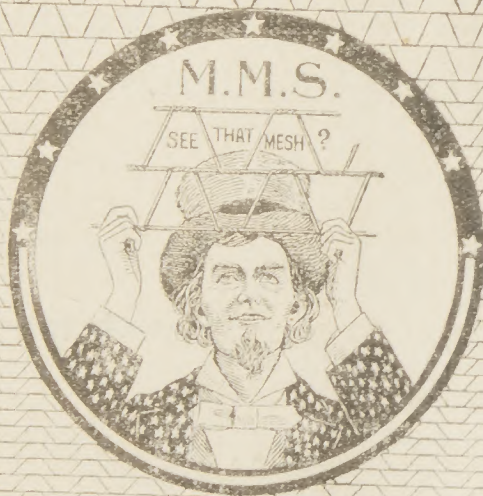
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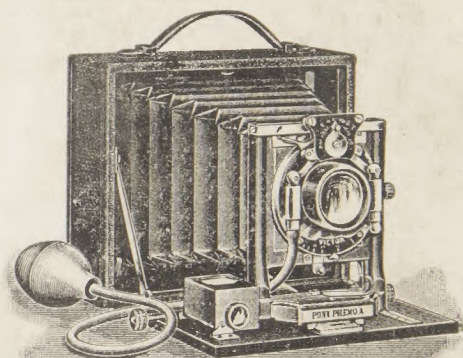
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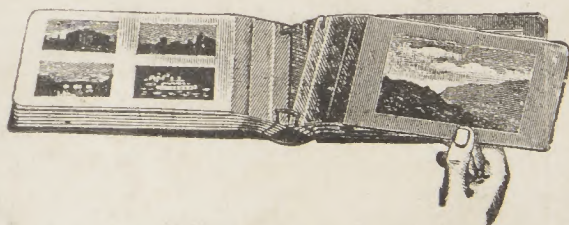


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6 " green.....		32	93 "	3 " brown.....		04
1 sh. lilac.....		60	94 "	4 " orange.....		02
1. verm.....		03	05 "	6 " green.....		02
2 " blue.....		04	98 1895	1 " orange.....		04
4 " yellow.....		08	99 "	2 " blue.....		06
6 " green.....		04	102 1895	2 " blue Beer paper.	25	
1 sh. lilac.....		04	104 "	1 " orange.....	05	
2 sh. 6 p. verm.....	1 50	04	105 "	1 " orange.....	04	01
1 " orange.....		12	110 1896	2 " blue.....		01
1 " orange.....		05	112 "	1 " orange.....		1/2
2 " blue.....		01	355 1894	2 " blue.....		1/2
4 1/2 " dark gr.....		1/2	451 1892	1 " red (News).....		03
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5c	50	48 do '77 env unused sur. 2 or 3	1
1c grill above and below	1	49 do old letter card	1
30c	4	50 Cuba '80 25 unused no gum blk	15
" fair	4	51 do 5c sur. on U. S. 5c blue	
5c	10	one pair	5
90c fair	1	52 do '91 5c (15) '96 5c (26) o. g.	41
set 90c poor var	11	53 Honduras '90 set o. g.	11
5c, many pairs, fair	200	54 do '91 set 1c-75c & 1 p o. g. var	11
Omaha 1-10c, 5 sets	30	55 do '91 2-5-10 p var	3
" 50c pair	2	56 do '92 complete set var	11
acial Del	4	57 do '78 complete set	7
" '85 o. g., pair	2	58 Mexico '74-'84 many o. g., var	
pm. Int. Cont. 2c o. g. blk	4	complete ex c 85 & 100c	
" 3c, Treas. 6c, War		'82	20
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102	..	08		08		348	..	06	06		
119	..	06	06	06	06	350	..	06			06
120	..	06	06	06	06	352	..	06			06
121	..	06	06	06	06	78	2c rose	40			
122	..	06	06		06	79	..	30			
165	..	06	06	06	06	88	..	10			10
166	..	06	06	06	06	96	..	25	20		
167	..	06	10	06	06	112	..	20			
168	..	06	06	06	06	113	..	15			10
177	..	06	08	06	06	124	..	10			
178	..	06	06	06	06	125	..	10		10	
179	..	06	06	06	06	126	..	25			
180	..	06	06	08	06	131	..	25	15	20	
234	..		06	06		132	..	15			10
237	..		06	06	06	133	..	15			10
244	..		08	08	08	141	..	10	12	10	15
245	..		06	06	06	142	..	10	10	10	10
276	..		06			143	..	10	10	10	10
277	..		06		06	144	..	12	25		12
278	..		06		06	145	..	10	15		10
280	..		10		06	146	..	10			10
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333	..		06	06	06	160	..	10	10	10	10
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Our Illustrations

JAMES W. SELLS, ST. LOUIS, MO.,

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L. T. B.

WM. F. SCHAD, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in Racine, Wis., in 1870, and moved to Milwaukee in 1887. Mr. Schad has been a collector since 1883, and has succeeded in getting together a collection numbering about 2500. In society circles he is a leader, and is at present Est. Leading Knight in the B. P. O. Elks; secretary of Crescent lodge No. 23, K. of P.; Past Ranger of the I. O. F. Sycamore, No. 3001; High Marshal of the High Court I. O. F.; member of P. S. A. of Wisconsin, and secretary of the Elks club. Mr. Schad is at present employed as salesman for the Hoffman & Billings Mfg. Co., dealers in plumbers supplies.

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No. 3

The Stamps of Argentine Republic

No. 3—Complete Catalogue—Compiled to Date
By ALFONSO MILLARD

1867—Head on ground of horizontal lines Perf 12, 5c vermillion, 10c green, 10c bright yellow green, 15c blue, 15c milky blue, 5c vermillion, ground of crossed lines, 15c blue, ground of crossed lines, 15c milky blue, ground of crossed lines, 10c green on laid paper. The 10c green has been cut in two and used as 5 cents; they were used in the province of San Jose and they are very rare.

1873—Perf 12. Head of Balcarce, 1c violet, 1c mauve, 1c red violet, 1c black violet. Head of Moreno, 4c brown, 4c sepia, 4c sepia with broken circle. Head of Alicar, 30c orange. Head of Posados, 60c black. Head of Saavredia, 90c blue. 90c blue imperf two sides; 30c orange, imperf horizontally.

Collectors and readers of the Philatelic West will notice that I do not mention the 5c vermillion roulettes, as this stamp was never a legitimate government issue. An importing firm sent one of their clerks to the postoffice to buy a lot of 5 cent stamps and there was a sheet imperf. This smart young man then took this sheet of stamps to the printing and lithographing firm of G. Kraft & Co. to have it rouletted. Quite a few of these stamps passed through the mail before the variety was

noticed. Then the postoffice authorities notified the firm that it was irregular to use these stamps. Of course, they are catalogued but it is not a government issue, and I would therefore not advise any collector to pay fancy prices for the stamps.

In the national museum in Colle, Peru, also in the collection of the postoffice of Bueno Aires, they have one in each with a printed notice warning collectors that this stamp in a rouletted condition was not an issue of the governmental, and giving the information as above.

1877—Surcharged in type. 1c on 5c vermillion, 2c on 5c vermillion; 8c and 10c green.

Collectors often ask me why they wanted an eight cent stamp, and I asked for this information of Doctor Carles the postmaster general of Buenos Aires, and I will give same to the numerous readers of the Philatelic West. In the year 1877, peace was just established with the celebrated Rosas and gold was at a premium of 480, so therefore the government decreed that all letters for the interior of Argentine was to be franked with an 8 cent stamp, so therefore the surcharge. The other two surcharges, viz., 1 and 2, were not necessa-

ry at all as they had quite a stock of 1c violet on hand and they had no use for a two cent stamp, as newspapers had to pay 4 cents.

1877—Same type but surcharge inverted. 1c on 5c vermilion, 2c on 5c vermilion.

I notice that Scott's catalogue gives also the 8 cts inverted. The stamp was never issued by the postoffice in an inverted condition, but an unscrupulous so-called dealer and speculator, made these forgeries, but afterwards when caught had to serve three years gratuitous labor for the government.

Of these surcharges one has to be very careful in buying them, as there are a good many forgeries in the shops of Buenos Aires dealers. I also note that both catalogues, Gibbons' and Scott's, give the rouletted (so-called) with these surcharges. Well, it is very

strange that all the great collectors in Buenos Aires always rule over the space for these stamps in their albums because they never existed.

Some readers of West may object to my giving these notes in between the cataloguing of these Argentine stamps, but I cannot help it, as I want all collectors and dealers to know all the information I get hold of in the annals and archives of Buenos Aires.

1877—Rouletted, regular issue in place of the surcharge.

Perf 12, 8c lake, 16 of May; 2c green, (for price list, circulars, etc.) June.

1878—15th of March, roulette; 16c green, 20c deep blue, 20c milky blue, 24c deep blue, 24 slate blue.

1878-87—Perf. 12; 8c lake, 24c deep blue, 24c milky blue, 25c claret, 25c rosy lake

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

About Buying Stamps

By A. C. D.

It may be that I have the wrong idea in regard to the selection of stamps, for my views certainly do not coincide with the views expressed by the dealer, writers and by the official house organs of some of our largest stamp firms, the burden of whose song invariably is to buy "good stamps." In their vocabulary "good stamps" mean only rare and high priced, and the more common stamps are designated as "packet stuff" and "trash." Of course I am willing to admit that a rare and valuable stamp is a desirable acquisition to a collection, but the present tendency is to make this class of stamps entirely too prominent. Collectors are not all possessed of abundant means and able to buy the high priced stamps, and most dealers offer to this class of collectors but little en-

couragement. This is on account of the fact that there is more profit for them in the sale of the rare and high priced stamps. Personally I should rather have a collection of say 5000 varieties of the cheapest stamps it is possible to get together than to have one or two rare stamps whose value would be equal to or greater than such a collection.

I am of the opinion that it is also more profitable to collect the cheaper grade of stamps from a financial standpoint. Any one who purchases low priced stamps certainly cannot lose much on them and the chances of them becoming more valuable in after years are good. Stamp collecting in most cases is for pleasure, and what pleasure can one derive in looking through a modern album of two volumes with

a few stamps only on pages here and there even though he knows they are valuable. Fill up your pages with the cheaper sets and leave out the high priced stamps. Instead of buying one high priced stamp that you need, take the money and buy twenty-five or thirty of the lower priced ones that you need. When you have all of the low priced stamps you will find you have a nice collection, the size of which will astonish you. Then you can begin to acquire the high priced stamps. Do this by buying first those which you need to fill out sets and do not buy single specimens from rare sets unless you get a bargain. Most of the United States stamps are entirely too high

priced for the young collector to reach. Scott's 59th catalogue shows less than fifty U. S. adhesives priced at 5c or under previous to the 1890 issue, and how is the average young collector or even the average advanced collector to fill out his spaces of the 1847 issue, the '55-'60, the '61 and the '69 issues, to say nothing in regard to the Departmental, Revenues and Envelopes. He can spend considerable money and still have only a small percentage of the spaces filled. Better take the money and buy the cheaper grades of foreign. You will get more stamps, more pleasure, more information and just as much money should you ever desire to sell your collection.

Proper Advertising

By I. BEGER

The stamp dealer who is content merely to advertise without seriously considering the quality of his publicity is negligent of his own interests. He is not getting the best out of business life and if he keeps on in the old advertising rut he will continue to lose ground. He will not get his share of the new business. For a time, or until what may be generalized under the term "modern advertising" proved a virtue, the careful advertiser did well enough to cling to the time-tried methods, even if they were often found wanting. However, now that advertising conditions have changed so much for the better in the last ten years, there is no excuse for the intelligent business man not to strive for better things in advertising, or for "more business through better advertising."

The advertiser who has not done so should make a start to improve his announcements. An ad on which

much labor has been expended will not read in a labored way. Let him begin by giving much more time and thought to the preparation of the next ad. Sweet are the rewards of advertising labor. Write the advertisement for the reader's benefit, for through him the ad is to benefit you. Write directly at one reader and you will drive your words home in the minds of many. Remember that the reader is as smart as you are. He can, with a breath of common sense, blow away any frothy statements; he can detect a note of insincerity and he can strip the ad of all its artificialities. The advertiser dare not, with impunity, run afoul of the reader, his whims, his crotchets or his prejudices. He must take human nature as he finds it. He should build his ads with bricks of sense cemented together with tact.

In years gone by business methods were rather more austere, so far as bidding for custom was concerned, than

they are today. The ads were once bald, cheerless and strained, where now they are genial, warm and earnest by comparison. Now-a-days advertisers enlist the aid of the heart as well as the head in their endeavor to carry conviction into the minds of readers.

The stamp advertisers who wish to rise above the common grade are in a way fortunate because they can do so at the expense of thought. They will need to spend no money for illustrations in the ads, simply because all philatelic advertisers are on a plane of equality so far as pictures in ads are concerned—none use any. But he can remedy, renovate and brighten the letter-press of his ads and it happens that the stamp dealers ads are at present all letter-press.

If business is bad, the good advertiser will get the most of it; if business booms the good advertiser will get the lion's share.

The Postage Stamp

By C. J. MITCHELL

Few people are acquainted with the fact that the first postage stamp did not make its appearance until the year 1840, the third year of the reign of Queen Victoria. This stamp was issued in Great Britain; the next government to follow being Brazil in 1843, and in the same year Switzerland issued stamps. The following years other countries adopted this new and convenient system for the prepayment of postage. In 1847 the United States government issued their first postage stamp. Prior to this stamps were used only by local express companies who carried mails, and finally several United States postmasters issued local stamps for their own convenience.

It was not long after these small engraved strips of paper began to be used that people whose interest had been awakened began making collections, and as each new variety appeared it was added to their collection. About the year 1861 some one in France published a list of stamps that had been issued and taking his collection as a guide, he gave the different colors and denominations. Many others who had collections, seeing this list, and having in their possession stamps which were

not mentioned in the list, began corresponding, and so an interest was awakened in the collecting of stamps.

The different countries now began to do away with certain stamps, and in their stead came newer and more appropriate designs. Collectors soon began to learn that some stamps were scarcer than others, and as the number of collectors were constantly increasing, the rarer varieties soon obtained a commercial value.

In the latter part of the year 1861 the demand for stamps became so great that a dealer in Great Britain issued a priced list of stamps he had for sale. This led other dealers to follow in the same course, and in 1863 the first lithographed album, with spaces for all the varieties of stamps known at the time, was issued by Justin Lallier of Paris.

The scarcer stamps now began to command a high price, and this set the counterfeiters to work. Many were the clever forgeries, and many were there of the early collectors who were deceived.

In 1862 the first stamp paper was published by a man in England. Others of the same nature were soon in the field and contained reports of newly is-

sued stamps, descriptions of counterfeits, and also many advertisements of stamp dealers, who were in most cases the publishers of the paper.

In 1863 J. B. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium, and one of the early dealers commenced the publication of "Le Timbre Poste" (The Postage Stamp). This is the leading paper to-day, in the philatelic line, published in the French language and has been issued continually for thirty-seven years.

You have now learned the history of the postage stamp in as short a space as possible, also how stamp collecting commenced. As soon as there were stamps to collect there were hundreds to collect them—not only in one or two cities or towns but all over the civilized world. And perhaps you may ask the question "Is there as much interest manifested to-day in stamp collecting as there was when the postage stamp was in its infancy?" We can safely answer "Yes, and more!" For the one collector who drops out of the ranks there are two, aye and three to fill his place. Some persons are under the er-

roneous impression that stamp collecting is confined merely to the schoolboy. Such is not the case, although among schoolboys we find some enthusiastic collectors. Many men—and women too—holding government, and other responsible positions take great interest in this pleasing and fascinating pastime.

Not only are there rare postage stamps, but there are also some very curious ones, the designs being unique in a great many. Take for instance the stamp of the Cape of Good Hope. This triangular series has always been a favorite with the philatelists on account of the odd shape. Again, the stamps of Afghanistan with the tigers face surrounded by inscriptions in Arabic which gives the series a rather uncanny appearance. Now turn up the first issue of the stamps of Shanghai and you will see the fabled dragon glaring at you.

To speak of all the interesting and curious figures to be found on stamps would entail the necessity of publishing a complete history of all the stamps of the world.

Antigua Stamps

"HOBBIES"

Antigua is the chief island of the Leeward group in the West Indies; other islands in the same archipelago being Dominica, St. Christopher, Montserrat, &c. Philatelically, the island of Antigua is a "closed book," no stamps for its exclusive use having been issued since the postal federation of the Leeward Islands in 1891.

Antigua's first postage stamp was of the face value of 6 cts. Postage was quite a luxury in those days (1862), and probably the first, and for a time only, purpose to which postage stamps were devoted to Antigua was to frank letters

to "the old country" and to Europe generally. This first sixpenny stamp, though perforated—after a fashion—shows no watermark, and is the only unwatermarked Antiguan stamp.

The star watermark was used for the issue of 1863, the Crown and C.C. for that of 1873, and, the Crown and C.A. for that of 1884—Antigua thus going through all the usual watermarking stages of the British Crown Colonies.

Until 1879 there were but two values—1d. and 6d.; but in the course of the year named stamps of the value of 2½d. and 4d. made their appearance—the

first stamps in the De La Rue typographed style. In 1884 there was a re-erudescence of the 1d. and 6d. engraved stamps, the only variation from the original engraved issues being in the watermark, now changed to Crown and C. A.

Not till the "eighties" did Antigua experience the need of a halfpenny stamp, and then a stamp of this denomination formed one of a complete new emission of four values, represented in our catalogues by six varieties, as follows:—

Typographed Stamps, with Crown and C. A. Watermark— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., dull green; $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., red brown; $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., ultramarine; 4d., blue; 4d., red brown; 1s., lilac.

The fourpenny blue stamp, with C. A. watermark, is held by many authorities to be even scarcer than the catalogues make out. Very many of the readers, we fear, can show only a blank space where this stamp ought to be. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. red-brown, again, is an uncommon stamp, though in the C. A. watermark it is "not in the same street" with the same stamp, watermarked Crown and C. C., this latter being one of the admitted rarities of Antigua.

Less than a score of what we may call ordinary varieties claim admission to the page allocated to Antigua in our stamp albums; that there are many interesting "oddities" to be obtained.

For instance, when the want of a halfpenny stamp was first felt in Antigua the authorities there sanctioned the creation of halfpenny labels by the division of a penny stamp into two halves. This was done sometimes by a cut, sometimes vertical, sometimes diagonal. Such varieties, if undoubtedly authentic and on the original envelope, are much prized, and have no inconsiderable value in the market.

Specimens with inverted watermark are known of many Antiguan stamps; but the inversion of a watermark is an "error" of such frequent occurrence

(being, of course, merely the result of the placing the sheet of water marked paper on the printing "wrong way up") that far less attention is paid to such varieties nowadays.

Again, specimens of the early Antiguan stamps have been found unperforated; but as to this type of "error" a note of warning must be sounded. There is such an individual in the slums of Philately as the fraudulent "clipper." By scissoring off the perforated edges of stamps that happen to have a somewhat generous allowance of margin he is sometimes able to convert a common perforated stamp into a rare "imperf"—sometimes, but very, very seldom. Usually a little less margin on one side of the stamp or another limits his clipping, with the result that some trace of the scissoring remains. There are experts who claim to be able to tell in every case whether or not a stamp described as "imperf" has been clipped, but this we take leave to doubt.

After all, the best test of an unperforated stamp is (though the expression is dangerously like a bull) to get a pair of it—an unsevered pair, we mean. That such unsevered pairs of the early penny and sixpenny stamps of Antigua do really exist in well-known collections is the best proof of the authenticity of these varieties.

An Antiguan "Postal-Fiscal."—One more variety and we shall dismiss the colony under notice. The long blue penny fiscal stamp of Antigua, inscribed "Antigua" at top and "Stamp Duty" at bottom, was permitted to do duty as a penny postage stamp during a temporary shortage of the regular postal labels. It is a scarce stamp in the used condition (and, unused, it is worthless to a postage-stamp collector, being in that state a fiscal, pure and simple). Is there be any danger of forgeries in connection with the stamps of Antigua is in regard to this stamp which has doubtless proved an irresistible temptation to the purveyors of forged postmarks.

Norfolk Notes

By CHARLES KING

All the publications are late—many a week behind, owing to holiday festivities. and freely this season as many stamps are placed at their lowest.

About 15,000 albums were sold during the holidays, the dry goods store selling large quantities. A great demand is being made for catalogues of the Hunter sale. Report of price in next issue.

Revenues are being punched, which greatly decrease their value to collectors. Mr. De Coppet has returned from Europe and what he is specializing is a secret.

Perfect specimens of cancelled revenues have greatly increased in price and demand and the prudent collector and keen speculator are purchasing now. Many gems in the Hunter sale were purchased from Mr. De Coppet.

There is a steady and firm demand for foreign revenues and collectors of these beautiful gems will reap a rich harvest in the near future.

40c are worth \$2.50 per 100.

80c " 8.50 "

\$10 and \$50 full catalogue value.

The 3d Zululand unused are worth full catalogue.

½ on 7 Provisional Uruguay are cheap at double catalogue.

The wise collector will buy readily worth many thousand.

Imp U. S. revenues and first issue of Mauritius can be seen in pairs and blocks in the windows of a London collector, picked up many years ago in New York city for a few dollars, now worth many thousand.

Boiled Down

Original and Otherwise

People will do well by looking in old trunks, garrets or any place you may have old letters, etc. A great many valuable postage stamps which are of no value laying away can be sold and may bring big money to the owner. In all cases leave the stamps on the cover they come on, otherwise they will not bring so much. You may have some that may bring you big money. British missionaries. These stamps are "priced" in "cowrie shells," which is, or was, the only coinage known to the natives of Uganda.

A complete "History of the Revenue Stamps of the United States" has recently been issued. It is a valuable book.

It transpires that the "Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post Stamps" were designed, printed, perforated and cancelled in Montreal, Can. It was a fraud, pure and simple.

The early stamps of Uganda are not pretty, but they are interesting. What is more, they are scarce. The chief fact distinguishing the first issued stamps of Uganda is that they were made by the sole aid of a typewriter, and were issued to the untutored Ugandans by How better could you while away the time when the snow flies and the north wind whistles than by starting a stamp

collection? Your next door neighbor is a collector. Why not you?

The Banca Bros.' private proprietary stamp is on sale by dealers. It is the stamp used by an Italian firm to put on medicine for sale in the United States, and dealers had to send over there to get the stamps.

The 1898-99 issues for Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico cannot be had for nothing. The complete set for Cuba, 1m. to 2p., sells for \$10.50. The Philippine set and the Porto Rico set sell at \$9.50 each.

The first issue of stamps made for New Zealand was in 1855. This issue showed the full-face picture of the Queen, but in 1873 a new set was issued, showing side view. In 1882 and 1891 the design was about the same, but in 1898 the beautiful pictorial issue consisting of fourteen values was made. This set of New Zealand, the Cabot set of Newfoundland and the Omaha set of United States are the three handsomest sets ever issued, to my way of thinking.

All stamps of Great Britain and her colonies are intended for both postage and revenue. When used for postage, they bear the ordinary postal cancella-

tion, but when used for revenue, they are either cancelled with pen-mark or rubber stamp, so stamps pen-marked, or with the name of a firm, have been used for the payment of revenue, and not of postage.

Now is the time to get enjoyment out of your stamp collection. Your wheel is laid away for the winter, and you get tired of reading. The stamp album comes in then, and is just what is needed.

It costs the patent medicine firms who have private dies made for the printing of their revenue stamps from \$75 to \$250 to have a plate engraved.

Always be on the lookout to secure a scarce stamp in fine condition. Let scarce stamps, if in poor condition, severely alone. They are worthless.

The new Mexican revenue stamps are quite pretty, which will be of interest to collectors of these stamps.

Seven hundred and twenty tons of cardboard are utilized every year in the shape of postal cards.

The color of the 5-bani postal card of Roumania has been changed to green.

The total issue of Omaha stamps of all values was 202,753,035.

Testimonials

C. H. Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "My ad. brought me 40 per cent. more returns than any other paper."

A. A. Hull, St. Paul, Minn.: "I am highly pleased with your paper. It is newsy and there is plenty of it."

Mrs. D. Fredericks, Yolo, California: "Contents of January number digested with much pleasure, but take my name out of Camera Exchange for I get more prints than I have time to answer. I have got a nice collection from my exchange ad."

"An interesting publication."


Ad. Hints

Make it a rule to give your ads. more and better display. Buying readers detest a closely written ad.


An ad. without an illustration is like a hook without a bait. Try to use some cut, no matter how small. To catch the eye is the main part of an ad. Make your ad. quantity in quality.

One ad. will not do the business—keeping everlastingly at it brings success. To get the best results change your ad. often. We are interested in making your advertising pay you.

Notice the steady growth of our advertising pages.



Postal Card Department



The Manager has requested me to undertake the management of this department for awhile, and I have ventured on the undertaking, having something of a hankering for cards myself. To be sure there are doubtless others better fitted than myself to take charge of this department in the PHILATELIC WEST, but somehow they have not seen fit to come forward and offer their services. The gentle reader must, therefore, accept my efforts in a lenient spirit, until we can discover a worthier successor. I will not promise much at present, but will endeavor to keep the collector of postal cards and the like, posted on new issues and newly discovered varieties, though no doubt, our enterprising weeklies will often get ahead of us there; a monthly cannot help that. There will also appear in this department, from time to time, articles on the issues of special countries, such as will prove of interest to the collector. Besides, I will try to gather all manner of obtainable items on the objects of our hobby, such as statistics, historical data and the like. Any aid that can be rendered by our readers will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged; especially are the readers requested to communicate to us any news of new issues.

There is just to hand the February number of the Virginia Philatelist, which ought to interest any collector of postal cards. The publishers have made it a special number devoted to postal cards. A frontispiece shows six of the officers of the Postal Card Society of America; their biographies are also given. Mr. Lohmeyer of Baltimore, the famous "card-sharp," contributes a finely illustrated article on

the type-varieties of the 1894-96 issues of Mexican cards. These were type-set, and the varieties are numerous as the sands of the sea. The article is to be continued. The same author has compiled an extended list of late new issues and discoveries, printed in this issue. Other items of interest are scattered throughout the number.

NEW ISSUES:

We have to catch up a little under this head; so do not take it amiss if you find some new issues here of which you have already heard in other papers.

Egypt has issued a definite 4 milles card in the usual type to replace the late provisional; size, 140x90 mm., 4 m., carmine on yellow.

Persia has surcharged a number of cards with the same paraph lately used for its stamps, presumably for the same reasons. Der Philatelist chronicles: 2 chahi, brown on yellow; 2 2 chahi, brown on yellow and carmine; 5 chahi, red on yellow; 5 5 chahi, red on yellow and rose; all of above violet surcharge.

Surinam has lately authorized the use of private mailing cards; they must resemble the official cards in size and weight of card, and for foreign use must bear an imprint similar to the official one. Of course we merely mention this here; they do not bear the official stamp.

Spain. The 5 centimos stamp having been changed to the Postal Union color, the reply card of the same value has followed suit, according to Ill. Briefm. Journal, 5 5c, green on yellow.

Japan has issued a reply card to the 1½ sen card; size 90x140 mm. (each). 1½ 1½s., light blue on white.

Roumania. Various papers chronicle an error in the 5 b. green on white card with inscription "Carta Posalta"

instead of "Postala". This seems curious; will anyone inform us whether the whole sheet bears the same error, or whether these cards were type-set? The error seems almost impossible under an electrotype process.

Straits Settlements—Pahang. There is a new card here, according to Der Philatelist: 1c., on yellow.

Austria. The first specimens of the Heller cards are just coming over. The design is that of the old cards of 1897; the 5 heller is now in blue-green. We will give a complete list of this country and Hungary later. The Hungarian decree calls for 4 heller and 4 4 heller cards for interior service, 5 and 5 5 heller cards for intercourse with Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Germany, Servia, and Montenegro, 10 and 10 10 heller cards for international service; also 6 and 10 heller letter cards.

Bavaria. Towards the end of 1899 certain cards were issued bearing the date 99; Le Timbre-Poste lists: 3 pf. brown; 3 3 pf. yellow.

Portuguese India. The same paper says that after Jan. 1st the centenary card of the 2 avos value was to be surcharged 1 avo provisorie with the old value obliterated by a bar.

Norway. Of the three oere card with Norge in Roman capitals (Scott 348) there is now also a reply card in the same style as the others of the set. 3 3 oere orange on white.

Germany. The 1900 card of the new type has been mentioned so often already that it will suffice to call attention to its existence once more.

Philippines. Mr. Camp in M. W. S. N. states that 100,000 one cent, 20,000 two cent and 5,000 two cent reply cards for the Philippines were surcharged at Washington lately and are now on the way out.

Puerto Rico. That is the way the surcharge of the 1c. card reads now; its Spanish now instead of Portuguese as was the first surcharge.

Photographic Notes

The length of exposure is a matter which requires fine discrimination and extensive experience. With an ordinary rapid plate, for instance 26x, and a moderately large stop, an exposure of one second is generally satisfactory in bright sunlight, when the light comes in all directions. If a building is so surmounted by trees as to receive the light only from the sides and not from the top, the exposure should be three times as long. If the light comes only from above, the exposure should be five times as long. A cloudy day sometimes does not make the difference in length of exposure which one would expect, as the light on such a day frequently has a strong chemical action. About twice the exposure necessary for bright sunshine is generally sufficient. In general stops are so regulated that each smaller one requires twice the exposure necessary for the preceding one. The length of exposure varies with the speed of the plate; gilt-edge plates need only three-fourths of the exposure required by 26x plates.

The winter has now come, when many an amateur photographer either lays aside his camera entirely or contents himself with indoor photography and the making of lantern slides. Yet he who does so is foolish, for Nature has many winter beauties well worth studying and photographing. Who has not noticed the beautiful appearance of even a small waterfall when it is partly frozen? Here and there tiny streams of water trickle over great masses of gleaming ice and snow. Along the side the spray has frozen on the bushes and the trees in weird, fantastic forms. The landscape, too, with its sharp lines softened and its imperfections hidden by its white covering, is well worthy of reproduction. The trees bending gracefully beneath their icy burden are as beautiful as when clothed in their summer green. In winter, as well as in summer, Nature amply repays the study of the amateur photographer.

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Editorials

By Business Manager

Auction catalogues come from Tuttle, Bogart and Durbin of New York, as regular as most papers.

The Chicago society starts out with auction sales.



All collectors who can, should not fail to attend the stamp exhibit in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, held March 3 to 11.

We have received our first 50c stamp of Mexico from A. McCoy Jr., of Guad-

alajara, and a post card from F. Naveda, Folnca. They are the finest looking of any of the issues of Mexico.

The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia, the oldest paper in America, has been publishing a series of articles by Hon. T. B. Reed, and in the issue of Feb. 10 there is one on Monopolies, one of the most pressing questions of the day.

You have only until March to send in manuscript for prize contest. Wish those devoted to subjects of scientific value and interest. We expect to have our review department reasonably free from personalities. Our postal card department may be expected in the next issue.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News of 32 Palace Square, Norwood, London, S. E., England, is the only weekly of Europe. It is O. K. It states: Adhesive stamps will celebrate their diamond jubilee May 1; penny postage was introduced Jan. 10, 1840; Turkey issued her first stamps January 1863; Gibbons sold 42,000 stamp albums during 1899; New Zealand will issue postage due stamps.

Any interesting item of news of stamps or camera, kindly jot down on card and send me.

If you collect coins, send for a copy of Numismatist of Monroe, Mich. It is the largest paper of its kind.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, under the management of the new publishers, Kirkpatrick & Pemberton, 202 H. Holboro, London, has much more reading and better than ever before. It states that Turkey will issue new stamps in March. The new stamps expected in England January 1 failed to show up. Like the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, we wish assistance from readers abroad, and also at home, who possess information on philatelic and camera subjects which might be of interest, and who

are willing to impart it; especially information regarding new issues. If all who are in a position to help us in this way would do so, we could soon bring out as fine a paper as one could wish for.

A. Millard, of Springfield, reports sending G. Barclay, New Zealand, and W. Lowry, Australia, stamps last August, and got no reply. Any others?

The Philatelic Era, in speaking of C. P. Krauth, of Pittsburg, who died Dec. 27, says his death is recognized as a loss of the first magnitude to the whole philatelic world. For many years he was recognized as being an authority in philatelic science, and an example of his literary work with which all collectors are familiar is the introduction to Scott's standard catalogue. He had a positive genius for detail and delighted in reducing all matters that could be handled to precise written form. He employed a multiplicity of mechanical devices, logographs and schemes of classification. The den in which he kept his accumulations and made his researches resembled a workshop of an inventor, crowded as it was with machinery and tools. He would purchase a heterogenous mass of common stamps for mere pleasure of sorting and classifying them, and if he managed to hit on some oddity in paper, watermarking, perforating, or printing, he felt amply rewarded. He always held that money in stamps was quite as well invested as if it were put in stocks, bonds or real estate. He never sold a stamp, but delighted in presenting good things to his friends, and in giving a helping hand to young collectors. He will be sorely missed.

Postmarks of Toledo, Buffalo, Detroit and St. Louis conventions and expositions are seen.

The sale of the Hunter collection last month in New York at auction will exceed \$50,000. It consisted of 3321

stamps, being the very finest ever sold at public auction. The most valuable lot was No. 1593, a two-cent British Guiana stamp of 1850, which brought \$1710. He bought this stamp some years ago for \$1010. This is the largest sum any stamp ever brought in this country.

H. O. Smith of Winona, Minn., treasurer A. P. A., is compiling a list of frauds and stamp freaks who substitute stamps, order stamps and do not pay for them, or in fact any who commit dishonest or shady transactions. If you know any dealers or collectors who belong to the dishonest class send their address, with particulars. Don't pass this notice without thought, but contribute something to the general good, and you will find it will be of great benefit to the philatelists at large.

We have been especially gratified with the high class of advertisements inserted in this number, and we trust that our friends will read them with care. A great many bargain offers will be found. It is our purpose to admit only reliable advertisers to our columns, and readers who have experience which would indicate to the contrary will oblige us by letting us know the facts. In writing our advertisers, always mention the West.

Business Manager's Say



Only to March 1 to send in your prize manuscripts. We expect to use some in our next number. One of the best seen is "Counterfeits, and their Detection." Will pay you to subscribe to the West for it, alone.

The editor had his manuscript and report lost in the mails, and if not seen you know the cause.

The International Philatelic Review gets better each number. The ad.

hints are worth using, like the following: The way to get customers is to go after them; Poor advertising is an extravagance at any price; Make your sentences so small to carry a double meaning; Study your rival's advertising, so as to profit by his mistakes.

One step won't take you very far,
You've got to keep on walking.
One word won't tell folks who you are,
You've got to keep on talking.
One inch won't make you very big,
You've got to keep on growing.
One little ad. won't do it all,
You've got to keep them going.

Did any of our readers get caught by Ancona, of Malta. Millard of Ill., and Crayton of Ohio, report sending him stamps last July and August, and nothing heard. Millard also reports F. Thanhofer, of Austria, as one to whom he sent stamps Aug. 29, and got no reply. Any others? Glad to hear claims of all frauds.

W. Franklin Slusser writes that he will have the balance of Mexican Revenues for the next number. He has been sick, and is now at Manilla, P. I.

All outstanding accounts of the Cuauhtemoc Curio Co., must be sent within 30 days to Fred Slusser, Alcatraz, California. The company has suspended operations indefinitely, owing to several losses of registered matter in the mails of Mexico and in the postoffice at Casas Grandes.

Write for samples of the popular sheet music of Whitney, Warner Publishing Co., of Detroit, Mich. A Rag-time Baby, Hearts are Trumps, When Knighthood Was in Flower, waltzes, just out, are fine; try them.

The best Year book yet seen is that of Huebschs of 31 Rose st., N. Y.; the one that Dewey uses. It is actually your memory in cloth covers.

Several of our readers have asked to have other hobbies in the WEST. What say you?

Write J. B. Sutcliffe, Holyoke, Mass.,

for photographs of Dewey arch in New York. One of the best yet.

It will pay any of our readers to try our advertisers. We believe they are all right.

Part of advertisement of J. B. Gouch was left out of November issue. You can see by the new copy the difference. His prices are hard to beat.

Compare the WEST with other papers of the same class, and see where you get the most for your money. Same on ads and exchange notices. The WEST is hard to beat. Try trial ad.; results will surprise you. Read our testimonials; new ones each month.

The February number of "The National Magazine" of Boston is bright and timely, and in contents and appearance is easily a leader among the ten cent periodicals.

Our readers who enjoy music should not fail to send for the catalogue of the National Music Co., Chicago, 266 Wabash Ave. Their Coontown picnic is one of the greatest songs and cake-walks ever written.

Twelve Prizes

For Best MSS. on Stamps or Camera. The Contest will remain open to March, 1900. We offer in Stamps or Camera Supplies the following Prizes for Best MSS. on Stamps: First Prize, \$10.00; Second Prize, \$5.00; Ten Prizes of \$1.00 each for next ten best.

Rules—Each contestant must be a paid subscriber. MSS. must contain at least 500 words. All articles must be original, and postage fully prepaid. All articles to be published in the Magazine if they suit.

For particulars, send postage to Business Manager, L. T. BRODSTONE, Superior, Nebr.

Nebraska's
Pride.....

Nebraska Philatelic Society

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change and issue 1 set instead of separate sets for each division as at present. As a large buyer I may be pardoned for the within contained advice, and trusting every one of us may find this an interesting and profitable season, I remain
Your friend,

R. L. PAYNE, President.

Exchange Department

Fellow Members—The rules of this department were published in the last number, and now that you have all seen them, I hope you will promptly send in your requests for blank books and selections of stamps. I shall do my best to please you. Push the thing along.

C. L. POND, Ex. Supt.,
P. O. Box 584, Omaha, Neb.

Canadian Dealers

To the president and members of the Nebraska Philatelic society—Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the last number of this journal your president, Mr. Payne, in the course of his address mentions the following:

"I wish to add another, (Canada) Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro. You will find him reliable in every way, and a thoroughly reliable gentleman. I wish I could add more, but my experience with Canada dealers has been unfortunate, and I am glad to be able to give one."

President's Message

To the members of N. P. S.—As I have by no means recovered from my long sickness, I have been unable to do hardly anything, but I feel an intense interest in the welfare of our society. This winter will soon be over and whatever is done now, will be all likely to be done until next winter. The exchange department should be well represented and a strong effort, by every individual member, should more than double our present members. I would recommend every member to secure complete sets of Adhesive & Postal Dues of the surcharged U. S. for Porto Rico, Philippines, &c.; also the Hawaii stamps as they will ere long be superseded by regular issue of U. S. and the prices will go up. Every member would also find it to his interest to take "Mekeels Weekly," published in St. Louis. It is positively the best paper published and the late "London Edition" number is alone worth the small subscription; the enterprise of the live publishers is greatly to be commended, and their paper the standard one. I had almost forgotten to say that it is well to get all the Transvaal and South African stamps as they are sure to increase in value. Australia will soon have a

Now, in the interests of Philatelic Canada, and in the interests of justice, I wish to state that, although Mr. W. Kelsey Hall is certainly a most reliable man; he is not the only one. Perhaps Mr. Payne has had dealings with young boys who do not know what honesty means, and perhaps do not understand the laws. For his benefit, and for the benefit of the readers of

this journal, I make mention of a few Canadian dealers who are most reliable. Let Mr. Payne give them a trial, and he will soon change his mind. Another thing. A large firm of stamp dealers here told me, that day after day they are deluged with letters from American stamp journal publishers soliciting advertising. Now, how can they expect Canadian dealers to advertise in their papers when they blackguard us as much as they can. Thanking you, Mr. Brodstone, for the space you have given me, and hoping Mr. Payne will carefully read the list of Canadian dealers mentioned below. Yours truly,

W. JAMES WURTELE,
Publisher of the Montreal Phil.

List of reliable Canadian dealers, besides Mr. Hall:

Montreal—Beaver Stamp Co., Geo. A. Holland, International Stamp Co., A. E. Labelle.

Quebec—Canada Stamp Co., Thomson.

Toronto—Marks Stamp Co.

Kingston—T. S. Clark, F. R. Nicolle.

Other Places—Chas. N. Robertson, Ottawa; R. S. Mason, Hamilton, A. A. Bartlett, Summerside, P. E. I.; Emily King, Halifax; and a large number of others.

Members of the society should, and are requested to, assist in making this department of the West interesting.

Stamp Collectors Protective Association OF AMERICA

Organized February 3, 1899

President—Ira C. Holt, Spring Valley, Wis.

Vice Pres.—R. L. DuBose, Lisbon, Georgia.

Secretary and Treasurer—L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska.

Official Organ—PHILATELIC WEST.

Membership, 15 cts; fee, 10 cts additional. Wishes every reader to become a member. Send secretary names of all frauds, collectors and dealers who have defrauded you.

Secretary's Report

The election of officers has just closed and their names will be found above. They will be installed Feb. 3, and as each is an enthusiastic philatelist, I predict success for the S. C. P. A.

Let every member try to get one or more new members for next report. If you are out of application blanks, you will be supplied by writing Mr. Brodstone, our secretary.

While I retire from the office of secretary and treasurer, I will still endeavor to make the organization one of the most popular in the United States,

although I am not interested in stamp collecting at present, having no spare time to devote to my collecting.

With best wishes for the members and the success of the S. C. P. A. of America, I remain your friend,

L. E. MOORE, Secretary.

Applications—Ernest F. Wurtele, Box 1117, Quebec, Canada. If there are no objections inside of thirty days, he will be admitted as a member.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received, \$4.20; expended, \$3.72; which leaves a balance of 48 cents on hand at the close of the term.

L. E. MOORE, Treasurer.

That the West is appreciated is evidenced by the following testimonial from E. D. Clark, Tamworth, Canada: "Saw your paper with a friend and enclose my subscription. How could I do otherwise? Such a fine paper for almost nothing. It is certainly the largest philatelic paper I have ever seen."

CAMERA NEWS

Study in Photography

Only a few years ago a traveler, en tour, camera in hand, attracted attention. Now the camera is considered an indispensable addition to the well-regulated tourist's kit.

This series of articles is intended and written for the instruction of the beginner, and will necessarily be extremely elementary at first, as it is supposed that students who start with us in this series are only now considering the taking up of photography and consequently have little or no knowledge of its mysteries. It will be our aim to dispel the seeming mystery of using the sun as a pencil to draw beautiful pictures of nature and to teach practically and step by step the necessary knowledge for making pictures by photography. Before an artist can paint his picture he must first have and thoroughly understand the use of his brushes, colors, canvas, etc., and likewise before we make photographs we must first have the necessary articles or tools with which to work. Hence it is necessary and appropriate that we first select the camera, the lens and the plate upon which our picture is to be.

And for our future success in picture making we must thoroughly understand why our tools are necessary, what part each plays in the making of our picture, and we must learn to handle them as intelligently as the painter handles his brush and colors or the sculptor his chisel and mallet.

The Camera—Of different styles of cameras there is no end, but for the present purpose they may be divided into two kinds; the hand camera and

the stand or tripod camera.

A beginner usually has the somewhat mistaken idea that the hand camera is the easier to handle, and in a way it is, but it is not the easier for a beginner to make good pictures with, and we are, therefore, going to recommend our class to begin with the tripod camera of a style that will admit of focusing and of a size, say, for pictures four inches by five inches, commonly called in photographic parlance a "4 by 5." The hand camera is a very popular and extremely useful camera and will be fully taken up later in this series. It is not at all the object of these articles to recommend the goods of any one manufacturer over another, therefore, the make of camera to be selected will be left to the student with the advice to purchase one of the standard makes having a good rectilinear lens, a shutter and a fairly long drawn bellows. It should also be of the front focusing style, as focusing by means of moving the front board (to which the lens is fastened) is much handier than by moving the back.

The front board spoken of above should be what is termed a sliding front, and the camera should also have a swing back, and the back should be reversible. These terms will be fully explained as they come up in future chapters.

One plate holder (holding two plates) comes with each camera, and it will be best to get two extra holders so that four or six plates may be ready for use at once. A pneumatic release shutter capable of fast or slow exposures and of time exposures should be a perma-

nent part of the lens. The tripod should be sufficiently strong to be perfectly rigid when in position and holding the camera. Some are made so as to fold into very small compass. Do not get one in which strength is sacrificed too much to the matter of folding into small space. In selecting the first camera it is a good plan to consult some friend of experience.

Over and Under Exposure.

The result of over-exposure, if not counteracted, will be to produce a flat, washed-out negative, and, therefore, our aim must be to increase contrast as much as possible; and as, in the pyro developer, pyro gives contrast, we shall increase the quantity in use above normal. As the alkali, or soda, tends to soften the negative and render development more rapid, we shall decrease it. It will be in less than the normal quantity. We want development to be slow and contrast to be as marked as possible.

A plan which is rather dangerous, in inexperienced hands, is to pour off the developer and let the image continue to grow by the action of the developer left in the film. This will also teach how much developer the plate can absorb and use.

Under exposure will give hard, chalky black and white negatives. That is to say the contrasts will be too exaggerated and the tone will be spoiled in this direction. As pyro gives contrasts, the quantity to meet this defect must be reduced, and the ammonia or soda increased in quantity. The quicker we develop the less contrast we get; so our object will be to rush out the image with as much haste as possible.

Clearing "Fogged" Negatives

There are various causes for the white veil, or fog, or cloudy appearance of negatives after they have been fixed and washed. Too much light in the dark room during development will

cause a light fog which is difficult to remove, except by treating the film with a solution consisting of equal parts of glycerine and water and adding an equal part of a saturated solution of hyposulphite of soda. Say one half ounce of glycerine, one-half ounce of water and an one ounce of saturated solution of hyposulphites. This solution should be spread over the surface of the film and allowed to remain until the veil has disappeared; then the negative should be washed freely. Another reason for the white veil may be too much sulphite of soda or alkali, in the developer. Either will cause a chemical fog. For treatment, after fixing and washing the negative as usual, it must be immersed in a solution of alum and hydrochloric acid; say 20 ounces saturated solution of alum to 1 ounce of hydrochloric acid, then rinse freely. But the most prevalent cause for the cloudy appearance of negatives after fixing, at the present time, is the use of the combined clearing and hardening bath, recommended by plate-makers in the formulas accompanying their dry plates and films. This combined bath of hypo., alum, sniphite of soda, etc., deteriorates rapidly and is only of use when freshly made. Unless quite fresh it may cause a chemical change in the bromide of silver salts, reduce the intensity of the negative and also fail to clear it. As a rule these cloudy negatives will clear in a fresh solution of hypo, in the portion of 1 ounce of hypo to each four ounces of water, and afterwards will improve by immersing them in the alum and hydrochloric acid bath, as recommended above, after they have been rinsed freely from the hypo bath.

Send your name for the 1900 Photographic Blue Book, Universal Hand Book of amateur societies; professional and trade price, \$1., cloth \$1.25. WALTER SPRANGE, Beach Bluff, Mass.

Read the ads.

Notes

It is the wish of the publisher to make this department as interesting and as helpful as possible. For the beginner, it is our aim to give plain, not technical directions, while for those who have had experience, more scientific items will be offered. The editor will be very glad to receive suggestions and current items about matters of interest to amateur photographers. Photographs, too, if return postage is enclosed, will be criticised, and suggestions made for improvement. Send to Photo. Department West, box 60, Superior, Nebraska.

To print from your cracked negative and not show this disfigurement, place the printing frame at the bottom of a deep box, and print in diffused light.

When developing or handling plates work in the dark of your own shadow and hold the plate for examination, so that the ruby light may pass to one side of you or over your shoulder, and from quite a distance.

Amateur photographers will be allowed to take photographs in the Paris Exhibition on paying a nominal fee, and giving their address, etc. Only the buildings and general groups (not individual exhibits) can be taken.

A pretty way of mounting on glass is to use an old plate from which the film has been removed, and squeegee a print face downwards upon it. A cardboard back, and, if desired, a standard of some sort may be added.

If you are an amateur and have a snap-shot camera, don't for a minute think that you can give time exposures by holding the camera firmly in your hands. The action of the heart is in itself sufficient to joggle the camera and a blur is the result. A person may take four one-second pictures successfully, but the next fourteen are likely to be failures that call for tears.

No toning is required with bromide prints. Great care must be exercised, however, that the dish used for the development of these prints should be devoted exclusively to that purpose. A good developing formula for them will be found in the following: Oxalate of potash, 130 grains; water, 1 ounce.

Edison is preparing a fine series of cinematograph pictures of everyday life in Klondyke. They are intended for the Paris Exhibition. The positive pictures on the film are nine times the size of ordinary ones, and the rate of the camera in taking them was only 20 pictures a second.

Have you ever been annoyed by looking up a good negative, taken some time ago, and finding several yellow stains on it? If so, the offending marks can easily be removed by washing the negative and then putting it in water containing a small quantity of bromine. Let it dry (in sunlight if possible), wash again, and dry with alcohol.

Beautiful moonlight pictures can be taken when the objects are covered with ice or snow, and the moon shining brightly. An exposure of about 20 minutes is required with an ordinary double lens, full aperture. Care should be taken that the light is not reflected on the lens. Too much definition is not required for such a negative, and they are best developed with a weak developer, say half the usual strength, with a few drops of alkali added.

When making bromide prints, if you write the title of the subjects at the bottom of the piece of bromide paper (in such position as is most suitable) with a soft pencil before exposure, the writing prevents the light from acting on the emulsion, and after exposure, development and drying of the print, the writing can be lightly rubbed off, and you have the title or other wording in white letters on a black ground. The same plan may be used for Matt or Platinum paper.

Here is a method of quickly drying your gelatine negatives. After the final washing, place the plate in a bath of methylated spirit for four or five minutes. On taking it out flow two or three times with common methylated sulphuric ether. After this the negative should be dried in a current of air for a very few minutes. An electric fan will make them dry in 15 minutes and standing in the sun will dry them in 30, but they must be laid flat, so there is no danger of running.

Some porcelain dishes which are now sold do not resist the action of water and alkaline baths, and if left to lie about wet soon acquire a rough surface. For developing plates this does not give rise to any inconvenience, beyond making it more difficult to clean the dishes perfectly, but the roughened surface is a real source of danger to gelatine prints (particularly to "platinotypes") which may be handled in them, and it is difficult to avoid getting the gelatine rubbed off some of the prints in patches. The good quality of porcelain will retain its glaze through years of use, and, though they cost more, are the cheapest in the end.

Extravagant Economy in Photography.—This sounds like nonsense, but it is sometimes stern fact. For example, you spend so much in going to a certain place, and give time and care in selecting your views and exposing your plates. Then on your return you very foolishly try to be economical by developing your plates with a minimum of developer. The result is that you run a great risk of getting uneven patches, air bells, and bubble markings. The quantity of developer being small, you try to make up by violently rocking the plate so as to keep all parts covered. But what is the result? Bubbles and froth. These not only bring their risks of markings on the plate, but also greatly tend to reduce the strength of the developer by oxidation. Thus to

save a small fraction of the value of one plate, you run a considerable risk of spoiling and staining the whole set, and wasting plates, time and money.

Attention is called to the Haller-Kember Co.'s adv. in this issue. We have received and tried samples of their Tolidol and Sensitol and a number of their other specialties, and can give them the most hearty recommendation. When we mention the fact that Tolidol has been adopted by the Cramer Dry Plate Company as the standard in testing their dry plates, and that it has replaced all other developers in the dark rooms of such noted experts as Strauss of St. Louis, and Ives of Philadelphia, it will give some idea of its merits as a dry plate developer. We are reliably informed that Velox paper is making phenomenal strides among the professional photographers for portrait work since it was found that Tolidol enabled them to make Velox prints that were so soft and full of detail both in the shadows and high lights that they were indistinguishable from the costly platinotypes—which result was unobtainable with any other developer or combination of developers. Sensitol is a liquid rich in silver. The material to which it is applied becomes sensitive to light and yields brilliant, plucky prints of fine color that are susceptible to toning in any of the standard toning baths, although its makers particularly recommend "Toufixol" and "Touplatinol" for the purpose. Sensitol prints on cloth may be washed freely in hot soap suds without injury as they are practically indelible.

To render photographs self-luminous a piece of cardboard is covered with starch pasted, and dusted with powdered sulphate of baryta or sulphite of lime, the unmounted picture—first made transparent by soaking with castor oil—being then laid on the prepared surface. The phosphorescence of the chemical lights up the photograph.

Founded
Jan. '98

Nebraska Camera Club

"HELP ONE ANOTHER"



Wishes everyone in Nebraska having a camera to join. Send your name with 35 cents, it gives you full membership and use of all its privileges and paper, which inserts your notices free of charge, where you can secure prints from all parts of the world. Cut out the blank printed elsewhere and send to the secretary.

President—S. W. Allen, Neligh.
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Secretary—L. T. Brodstone, Superior.
Purchasing Agent—D. E. DePutron, Lincoln.

Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

- 256 F F Swanson, Aurora; 4x5 prints of Omaha Ex. to exchange
- 257 E J Roberts, Sutton
- 258 Mrs F Kirk, Schnyler; 5x7 Poco prints.
- 259 Chas. Hahn, Superior; 4½x4½ Vive prints of Custer battlefield, etc.
- 260 A C Daily, Omaha, 1008 N. Y. Life bldg.
- 261 E J Mackey, Superior; large and small negatives.

APPLICATIONS

- 262 William Kellogg, Red Cloud; Premo special, Alvista, etc.; prints 4x5, 5x7, 5x12.
- 263 Ed Wilkinson, Lincoln, care B and M frt depot.
- 264 I T Clauson, Amelia, 4x5 Poco camera.
- 265 Miss Carrie Hunter, Valentine, 3½x3½ camera.
- 566 F F Tomblin, Imperial.

Send for copy Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, Pa., the oldest paper in America. It will have several articles on Camera Photography, that are alone well worth the price.

Can any reader tell me whether

plates or films cost more in Europe than in the United States, and how the custom house officers are on cameras, especially for the Paris exposition. Is this information wished?

A meeting of photographers will be held in Paris July 20 to 28. The secretary is M. S. Rector, 9 Rue Lincoln, Paris.

We expect to illustrate still more in the next number, and hope to have ready a list of prizes that we will offer in this department.

H. Bauer, sole agent of Self-Toning Paper Co., writes that he can not deliver any linen fabric before the end of the month, as the last shipment of raw stock arrived damaged by salt water.

The Burlington Railroad Photographic contest resulted as follows: 1st prize, P. Soderberg, Sutton, Neb., \$20; 2nd prize, W. T. Caldwell, Alliance, Neb., \$10; four prizes of \$4 each, to H. Kufus, Ravenna, Neb., C. Gross, Geneva, Neb., W. C. Elwood, Troy, Kan., M. A. Ellingsor, Cambridge, Neb.; fifteen received honorable mention; of 340 photographs submitted, at least 200 were of unusual merit.

Omaha has formed a local camera club. Are there others in the state?

C. C. Downs, Atlantic City, N. J., 23 S. Virginia st., has magic pictures from Japan, the colors of which will become visible when exposed to heat. He desires to exchange them for prints or stamps.

The secretary wishes the names of all active camerists you may know of, and would be glad to receive any hints or suggestions. It will pay all to join the Nebraska Camera club or the American Camera Club Exchange. Particulars free. L. T. BRODSTONE, Secretary, Superior, Neb.

Application Blank NEBRASKA CAMERA CLUB
AMERICAN CAMERA CLUB EXCHANGE

Date.....

Name.....

Address.....

Age..... Occupation..... If a member of any existing photo club or society, name it.....

Size of Camera Prints to Exchange..... General Idea of Subjects..... If a Specialist in Photographic Work, so state.....

Nebraska Camera Club (for Nebraskans only). Send with 10c fee and 25c dues to Secretary, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb. For A. C. C. E., 2-cent stamp for Corresponding Membership or 25 cents for Active Membership.

Don'ts.

Don't use old hypo for fixing. Hypo is cheap.

Don't use the developing dish for fixing.

Don't fail to rock the tray well while developing.

Don't rock in one direction only, unless you want streaky prints.

Don't let a jet of water run on the paper while washing. It will cause blister.

Don't use old developer too long. Stained prints and plates will be the result if you do.

Don't say you can't work Kruzo and other papers because you fail to get good results the first time.—Straws.

Wilkes-Barre Wheelmen Club House:

To Amateur Photographers:—I beg to advise, that the Camera section of the above club, announce an Amateur Photographic competition, open to all amateurs, until March 9th. There are no special rules, and no restrictions, as to size, subject or number of prints. An entry fee of 25c. will be charged each exhibitor, which goes towards purchasing prizes and the return of the photographs. All prints must be sent in, carriage paid. No application blanks will be issued,—merely send the

pictures, mounted, not framed, bearing the title and return address on the back of mount. No letter of explanation is necessary, as the entry fee can be sent with the pictures. Eight prizes aggregating in value \$150.00, are offered. Owing to the lack of space we mention only the first prize, a 5 x 7 No. 6 Pony Premo, listed at \$40.00 with the privilege of purchasing a Zeiss 6 double anastigmatic lens at 25 per cent. less than list price. There are no classes, and all photographs entered will be exhibited and catalogued. Awards will be made on the following basis: Art value of composition, 50 per cent.; originality, 25 per cent.; technique, 25 per cent. The jury of awards consists of 1 artist, 1 amateur photographer, 1 sculptor and designer, 1 professional photographer. Exhibition at club house, March 29, 30, and 31. Address all communications to R. S. Kaufman, Secretary, A. P. Contest, 106 So. Main Street, Wilkesbarre, Penna.

Note By Printer—This issue of the WEST has been printed under difficulties, the delay having been caused by sickness and deaths in the families of employes. Mr. Brodstone has been very lenient and kind, and has our sincere thanks. CHAS. H. FRADY, Neligh, Nebraska.



American Camera

Club Exchange



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Will Templeton, Superior, Neb., Rex camera and western prints to X.

Mrs. Retta Lillie, David City, Neb., has 4x5 Premo camera, and wishes to X prints.

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C S Bristol, Gresham, Neb., has No 3 Cyclone camera prints of Hot Springs, and S Dakota scenery to X.

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Wanted anything in the line of curiosity except bird eggs in trade for stamps from my fine approval sheets; state what you have and your price and receive my sheets; my prices are Scott's 59 net. August John, 124 n Adams st, Green Bay, Wis.

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I will trade any of following for Confederate stamps on or off envelope: Fine Mexican opal, Harper's Young People for 1887, 14 consecutive numbers Argosy, 25c novels, Columbian on orig cover, 2c dark red on buff '99 envelopes, large variety foreign and U S postage and revenues. F R Stearns, Sac City, Iowa.

The undersigned will be pleased to swap postage stamps with collectors in the U S; common trash not wanted; I do not send first. Address Dr von Pirch, Berlin, Ont., Canada.

I have all kinds of philatelic papers to trade for stamps or other philatelic papers; especially wanted: Virginia Phil., first 8 numbers; will sell 20 all different stamp papers for 10c postage extra. A C Trask, 3748 LaSalle st, Chicago, Ill.

Wanted—To trade with collectors having about 1000 var; send sheets and receive mine. Basis 59th; foreign collectors send 50 or 100 stamps and receive same from me. A A Hull, 560 Westminster St, Paul, Minn.

200 4c novels to swap for stamps; also Dastman Pocket-Kodak for best offer in stamps. W F Miles, Ferguson, Ky.

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Wanted in trade or for cash various copies of Am Journal of Phil, P J of A. Metrop Phil (monthly), Post Office, Halifax Phil, Boston Stamp Book, Phil Californian, Stamp Coll Fortnightly, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Phil Record, P J of G B and all European and other foreign stamp papers. Please send list of what you have and what you ask to R R Thiele, Manchester, Wis.

Would like to trade stamps for sensational papers as Police Gazette, Happy Days, or any others of a sensational nature; send copies and receive selection of stamps. Clinton Burbank, Danville, P Que, Canada, b 58.

Stamp papers, foreign postal cards, revenue stamps, coins and cigarette albums to X for stamps. Address Wm F Schad, 1222 Sherman st, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Wanted—To exchange fair stamps with philatelists everywhere. Have 2000 varieties; also coins and curios. Correspondence solicited. Theodor C Mann, 1632 Dohman st., St. Louis, Mo.

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Thos R Johnson, Saltsburg, Pa., has stamps of all kinds to trade for others not in his collection.

Having many thousands of U S stamps that I have saved and gathered from old letters, many old issues, that I would like to trade with foreign collectors—100 for 100, or 1000 for 1000—Send me the stamps from your country by registered mail, and I will return mine the same way—Kimball Plympton, b 36, Rogers, Arkansas, U S A.

Whoever sends us 50 or 100 stamps from their country will receive the same amount in U S and Canada—C W Leonard & Co, 18 John st, Detroit, Mich.

Wanted—Sample copies and ad. rates of papers and exchange lists, at once—Prof. K Griffin, b 23, Petway, Tenn.

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T H Walker, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Africa, wishes copies of American stamp papers. Trades stamps and entires.

You may select 12c worth of stamps from my approval sheets for every good Indian arrow-head sent me—A E Roock, Ixonia, Wis.

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X desired with collectors in U S. Send sheets and receive mine, basis, 59th cata. Foreign collectors send 50-100 good stamps and I will send same value in U S and Canadian. Will x postal cards. G Norland, 8 South Broadway, Fargo, N. Dak., U S A.

Have a 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 self-inking Excelsior printing press and 4 fonts of type, with outfit, all in fine condition, to trade for \$5 in cash and \$5 worth of good U S stamps, or coins and curios. Would take part in good advertising. Press alone cost \$15. Have 15 fonts of type to X for U S stamps. I want a card cutter and lead cutter. T O Young, New Haven, N Y.

Wanted, X with beginners and collectors having from 1 to 2000. Have good foreign; will also buy and sell stamps. G P Schlachter, 315 Lowry st, Allegheny, Pa.

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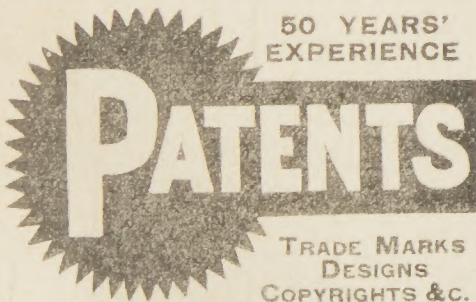
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Would like to X stamps with all collectors. Have 2500 var. Send your stamps on sheets with prices marked. Will return favor. Have you any Indian relics? Will trade stamps for same—Gust E. Larson, 905 4th St, Sioux City, Iowa.

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Wanted, a printing press in trade for a 5 by 8 camera, bass viol, stamps, etc; what have you to offer? Frank W Johnson, Centreville, Washington.

I have guitar, camera, typewriter, Waterman's ideal fountain pen, papers, etc; want guns, stamps, Virginia Phil Vol 1, 38 Lion heads for Arbuckle signature; send list and receive mine. R C Robinson, 1209 Grand ave, Kansas City, Mo.

Wanted, to exchange with beginners; references exchanged if desired. Dr C H Gardner, Port Townsend, Wash.

A collection of bird's eggs and arrow points to swap for Indian relics. E A Tyler, Mason, Mich.

I will trade four unused stamps for a street car transfer ticket from your city. H Blain Dynes, 1326 Olive st, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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I have got a fine lot of over 600 different stamp papers including some rare ones to exchange for best offer of stamps, coins, camera or kodak or best offer in cloth bound book. List sent on application for cash or trade. Albert Greasby, 505 Myrtle street, Ottumwa, Iowa.

I wish to hear from those interested in postmark collecting. Particularly anyone with Colonial (U S) cancellations to swap. Have many very good ones of the latter. W G Robb, Rock Falls, Ill.

Stamp papers, 10 different 10 cents, or for stamps, cat 3c or over by 59th ed to the value of 25c. M Ohlman, Ga. School Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

I will give a 10c book, brand new, for every 15c worth stamps my selection; no trash wanted; send for list of 150 titles.—Joseph A Rathbun, Box 217, Peace Dale, R. I.

Jasper mound relics, fossils, war relics, old notes, U S copper coins, slave papers, C S A war relics, to exchange. Wish old notes, U S copper coins, polished agates, large spears, crystals; also Spanish and American war relics.—H J Seventzel, 834 W 6 St, Wilmington, Delaware.

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Wanted, U S stamps in X for foreign. Send sheets and receive mine.—Alfred C Hicks, 161 Broadway, Long Branch, N. J.

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For every souvenir card addressed to me (postmark corresponding with the view) I will mail a view from Indianapolis. Mrs Mary F Muel, 947 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, Ind.

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I have some Mexican jumping beans to sell at 10c each or exchange. When laid on a surface that is not very cold they will hop about as if alive. Reason for this is they contain the larva of a moth. F C Winter, 90 N Euclid Ave, Pasadena, Calif.

Would like to X with collectors having a collection of over 1000 var. Send sheets and receive mine. Ref: Lion Vinegar Wks, Peoria, Ill, Rev H Wendt, Sterling, Neb. Fred Krafft, 213 Warren St, Peoria, Ill.

I am ready for X on basis of 59th. Send your books. Dr W A Farusworth, Galesburg, Ill.

I have nice stamps at 60 per cent discount, of which I will send you a selection if you send ref and 2c stamp. I will give 20 diff to each new applicant. To X I have street car transfers, books bound in cloth and paper covers: 40 of Mekeel's News, 1 German Imp stamp album, 4000 U S and 6000 foreign stamps. Ref, D R A Sons of Phil and C P S. C A Daly, 316 W 44 St, N Y City.

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X wanted with collectors. Have between 2000 and 3000 var. Send sheets and I'll send mine. J Oscar Bergman Jr, Argyle, Wis.

Exchange wanted with collectors all over the world. Send your duplicate sheets and receive mine. Basis, Scott's 59th ed. I also desire to trade stamps for Indian relics. Dell Thorn, Clyde, Wayne co, N Y.

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Wanted. Correspondence with collectors in Canada, New Foundland, Mexico and all other countries to exchange stamps, envelopes, postals and revenues. H Duflinger, Henry, Ill.

I will give a 5c novel for stamps cat 8c, a 25c one for stamps cat 35c. C S Dodge, Hamilton, Ill.

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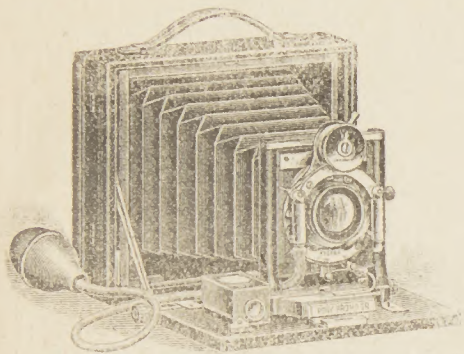
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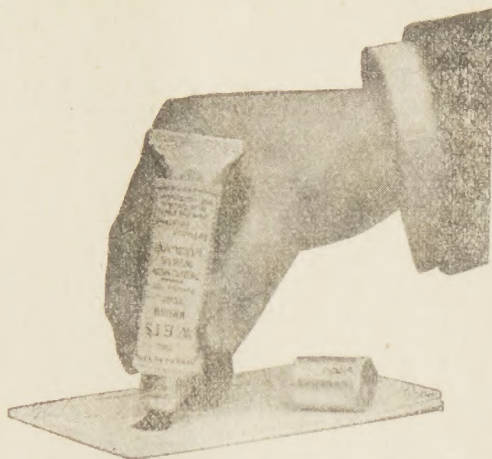


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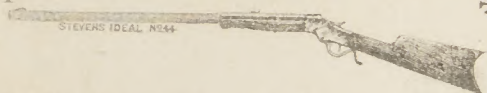
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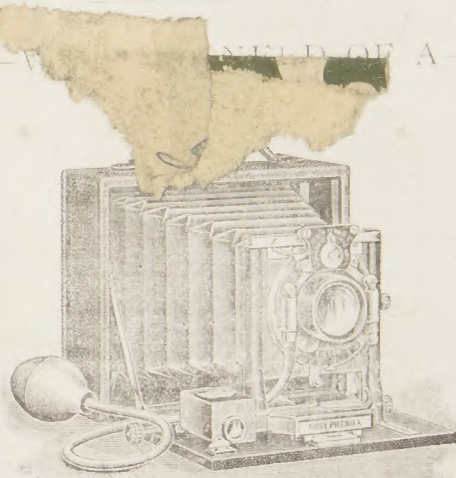
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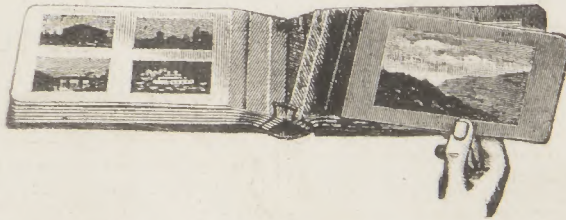
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NO. DATE.	U. S. POSTAGE.	NO. IN LOT.					
1 1876	* 3c rose 11x13, m.m. fine	1	26 1877	" 50c "	" 4	" " "	4
2 1876	15c black 9x13 " " "	1	27 1878	" 12½c "	" " "	" " "	4
3 1870	10c brown " " "	2	28 1879	" 25c "	" 4	" " "	4
4 1870	24c purple, fine, res. 65c	1	29 1879	" 50c "	" " "	" " "	4
5 1879	10c black " " "	3	30 1880	" 12½c "	" " "	" " "	4
6 1890	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,70,15,30, 30c fine, res. 35c	11	31 1880	" 50c "	" " "	" " "	2
7 1893	* 1c block of 25 fine O. G.	25	32 1881	" 1c "	" 5	" " "	5
8 1898	* 4,5,8,10c, Omaha, O.G. fine	4	33 1882	" 20c "	" " "	" " "	4
9 1898	* 4c blk. with plate 599 fine	4	34 1896	" 10c "	" " "	" " "	10
10 1868	* 5c " " " 618	4	35 *Mixed lot, 20 var., cata. over \$2.50				20
11 1898	* 8c " " " 609	4	BAHAMAS.				
12 1898	* 10c " " " 604	4	36 1862	4 p. rose, fine			1
13 1898	* 50c fine used res. 30 cash	2	57 1882	4 p. rose, pref. 12			1
14 1899	\$1 c " " "	1	NEWFOUNDLAND.				
U. S. LOSALS.			38 1863	6 p. used cata. \$4 fine res. \$1.50			1
15 1853	* 25c Adams & Co. Express, No. 2201, cata. \$4, res. price \$1	1	39 1866	10c " " \$1.50 " " 60c			1
16 1858	* 2c Black, Brown & Co., No. 2383, cata. \$10, res. price \$2.50, fine	1	40 1876	1c " " \$1.50 " " 50c			1
17 1847	* 1c Rose, Sonier & Co., No. 2723, cata. \$10, res. \$2.50, fine	1	MEXICO.				
U. S. PROOFS.			41 1895	12c (error) Pin Pref. cata. \$10, extra fine			1
18 Franklin and Eagle Carrier 1 of each		2	42 1866	* 2 p. brown, No. 10, Servia \$2, res. 75c			1
19 1847	* 5c 10 cents.	1	43 1868	* 1 p. green, " 17, " \$1.50, res. 50c, fine			1
CUBA.			44 Pkg.	foreign stamps, 50 var., res. 50c, cata. over \$5.00			500
20 1878	* 25c block of 25 O. G. fine	25	45 One	new blank album, large, 100 leaves, cost \$2.75			1
21 1879	" 25c " " 25 " " "	25	46 U. S.	Revenues, 25 var., old and fine, res. 50c			25
22 1866	" 20c " " 4 " " "	4	CURIOSITIES.				
23 1870	" 20c " " " " "	2	47 1	Sea horse, rare, 3 inches long, fine, res. \$1.00			1
24 1876	" 50c " " 4 " " "	4	48 1	Pkg. fine sea shells, 20 var., res. 25c			1
25 1877	" 12½c " " " " "	4	49 1	44 caliber bullet of the Revo- lutionary war, 1861			1

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" 138	04
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" 141 A.....	12
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5 " " "	.10
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" 37 o g.....	50c	" 61 used.....	75c
" 38 o g.....	10c	" 62 used.....	\$1 50
" 39 o g.....	15c	" 64 used.....	3 00
" pairs and blocks same rates		" 68 used.....	3 50
Br. Guiana 143 o g.....	5c	" Maple Leaves ½ to 10c	
" 144 used.....	5c	used 1897.....	25c
" 145 o g.....	10c	" Numerals ½ to 10c o g	45c
" the three for.....	15c	" 82 and 83 o g.....	7c
Br. Honduras 27 o g.....	5c	" 82 and 83 ured.....	4c
" 28 either.....	5c	" 1899 2c on 3c M L, o g	5c
" 35 o g.....	7c	" 1889 2c numeral o g	4c
" the three for.....	15c	Ceylon 311 all used.....	2c
Canada 24 used.....	3c	" 312 used.....	5c
" 27 o g fine.....	30c	" 314 used.....	7c
" 27 o g pairs.....	60c	China 18 o g.....	3c
" 33 o g.....	4c	" 20 o g.....	12c
" 34 o g.....	7c	" 23 o g.....	5c
" 47 used.....	20c	" 24 o g.....	20c
" 50 o g.....	20c	" 26 o g.....	10c
" 51 o g.....	2c	" 32 o g.....	8c
" 52 o g.....	4c	" 34 o g.....	15c
" 53 o g.....	5c	" 41 o g.....	40c
" 54 o g.....	8c	" 42 o g.....	35c
" 55 o g.....	50c	" 44 o g.....	2c
" 56 o g.....	15c	" 1898 ½ to 50c o g 9	
" 57 o g.....	15c	varieties.....	1 00
" 58 o g.....	25c	" 1898 72 o g.....	75c
" 59 o g.....	30c	" 1898 73 o g.....	1 50
" 60 o g.....	65c	" 1898 74 o g.....	3 75

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All Unused. _____ 0

Austria, 1900, 1-2-3-5-6-10, heller	the set.	12
Hungary, 1000, 1-2-3-4-5-6-10, heller	the set.	14
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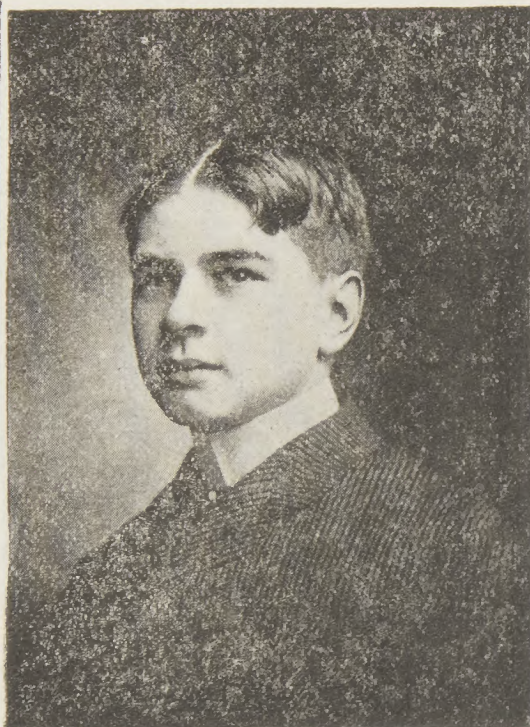
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Counterfeits and Their Detection.

BY LACUS VIRIDIS.

Any half-way experienced collector will bear me out when I say that the average beginner's collection is calculated to raise one's hair by its superfluity of counterfeits. Our average young American collector is all right on the stamps of his own country, excepting, perhaps, the zenus "grille," but if we except British 1 penny, German 10 pfennig, Austrian 5 Kreuzer and French 15 centimes, his foreign stamps are apt to show nearly as many forgeries as genuine stamps, even of varieties so cheap that it is a wonder the forger finds it worth while to fake them. The other day, for instance, I looked over a beginner's collection, the bulk of which was formed in Europe twenty years ago and lately inherited by him, which contained about 1000 varieties between 300 and 400 counterfits!—If the ruling powers of this paper permit, I would like to warn the younger collector against a few counterfeits of common varieties, which are still extensively counterfeited. Perhaps some elder brethren may profit by these stray notes. My counterfeit collection holds many specimens, whose own cousins are regarded with pride by even fairly advanced collectors as gems of their collections.

How to detect counterfeits? The question is one not to be answered outright. It demands many requisits. For one, the eye must be trained to detect the difference between so-called "taille douce" engraving, typography and lith-

ography instinctively. Almost all U. S. stamps are engraved by the "taille douce" process; the present stamps of Great Britain are typographed; nine tenths and more of the counterfeits are lithographed. (It would be a good idea, by the way, if the publishers of Scott's catalogue would, for the information of beginners, indicate the process of production for each issue, I know them, but many do not.) In "taille douce" engraved stamps the ink sticks up in ridges; even if well finished the stamp feels rough to the touch on its face. Typographed stamps on the contrary feel smooth on the face but the back is apt to show traces of relief. Lithographed stamps are smooth, almost greasy to the touch.—Next the eye must be trained to detect the tiniest difference of design. Not every absent line or superfluous dot is in itself evidence of counterfeiting for they may be due to poor ink or poor impression; but differences of direction in a line are evidences of crookedness—N. B. providing there was not more than one type-variety of the stamp in question. This "providing" makes it difficult, for instance, to describe Japanese counterfeits, because all the earlier lines of Japan were printed from plates of forty varieties each.—The trained eye will detect such differences even unaided, but as a rule a microscope or a good lens can not be dispensed with. Often a counterfeit differs chiefly, let us say, in the number of lines of shading in the background; to count them is tiring even with the lens. Paper and watermark are another very important aid in the detection of

the fake, in these days, when for forgers of a better sort photographic processes are employed, showing no differences in the lines, paper and watermark (or rather the absence of it) often are the collector's only hope. Bear in mind, though, that even watermarks are some times imitated by thinning the paper by erasure, by hammering the paper with wire bits, by tracing a watermark with oil. Still these can usually be detected easily. The difference in paper must be learned by practice, a very powerful glass may be of use here for the fibers of various kinds of paper show different structure. Years ago any stamp with a cancellation was considered genuine without a doubt. But if it is easy to forge a stamp, how much easier to imitate a cancellation! Accordingly forgers, especially in Germany, have devoted themselves to that imitation of cancellations very extensively and have reached a high degree of perfection. Fortunately on the varieties of counterfeits commonly met with in our country the forgers have as a rule been very careless, the same kind of "postmark" serving for Nevis and Victoria and Finland and Greece, with others still. Lastly bear in view the color of the stamp; but as no description can really convey a distinct idea of any color, this mark of distinction in many cases will only serve when you can compare with a genuine specimen. These are a few main points; practice does the rest. With these preliminary remarks, we may now examine a few of the commoner varieties.

1. MONTENEGRO—ISSUE 1874.

Scott's Nos. 1-7 (59th edition). This set is common, but that does not save it from the measly forger. I have lately added a set of these to my counterfeit collection, which seem to be printed from the same original engraving, a transfer being made for each value. They are lithographed and some specimens show the fine lines at each corner drawn on the lithographic plate to show the place for

each stamp. Yet the work is very well done. Here are some of the distinctions of the forgeries:

The fine lines at the top of each of the wreaths around the head spread too much so that the wreaths are bushier at the top than the originals. The nose of the prince on the 7 nov. Counterfeit is nearly perpendicular, on the original more slanting; the other counterfeits show this less distinctly. In all the counterfeits the chin is shaded with heavy horizontal lines running the full width of the chin; in the originals the chin is unshaded except a few lines under the lip a small vertical line in the center of the chin and a few small lines at the right edge of the chin. The spear-shaped ornaments projecting inwards towards the wreath at each corner are long and thin on the originals, short and thick in the counterfeits. The period behind the last letter in the lower label is equidistant from the letter and from the edge of the label in the original; in the counterfeit it is, when clearly printed, nearer the letter. The neck of the prince is shaded with continuous curved lines on the originals; on the counterfeits these lines are broken by a white space near the center of the neck and by another near the left edge. The upper inscription is in slightly taller letters on the counterfeits than on the originals. These are some of the most striking differences; with these found, you will easily find others. The colors are fairly good though somewhat darker than those of the originals. My counterfeits are all cancelled with four concentric circles. The originals as a rule are cancelled with a dating stamp.

IONIAN ISLANDS—SCOTT'S NOS. 1-3.

The originals are engraved in taille douce, a set of counterfeits in my collection is lithographed. But the beginner is usually none too sure which method of printing was used to produce the stamp before him; so we will try to find other distinctions.—The five guilloché

lines surrounding the central oval as usual are too much for the counterfeiter; especially in the left corner, over the letters I K instead of the delicate lace pattern of the originals there are in the counterfeits two large and one small white right angled line. The dot immediately below the buckle on the ribbon should be in the middle of the ribbon; on the counterfeits it is much too near the upper edge of the ribbon. If a straight line were drawn through the two lower corners of the queen's neck, its continuation on the originals would strike the lowest corner of the buckle, on the counterfeits the next upper corner of the buckle on the right (the one next to the neck.) On the originals the queen's forehead bulges a little and there is rather a deep depression between forehead and nose, opposite the eye the counterfeits have almost a Grecian (straight) nose. The downstroke of the K in KPATOE (=KRATOS) on the genuine does not touch the main stem, but joins the upward and downward strokes both touch the main stem at the same point.

All these remarks apply to all three values, both of originals and counterfeits. the originals were all printed from the same plate (or at least from the same original die;) the counterfeits likewise. The watermarks of the 1d and 2d values are absent; the color of ½d is pretty fair, that of the 1d too dark blue, the red of the 2d too dull, more brownish.—Two of my counterfeits are cancelled with parallel lines, growing shorter each way from the center line, so as to form a circle. The originals are VERY scarce cancelled (scarcer even, I think, than their catalogue value would indicate;) as a rule they are obliterated with a curious oblong dating stamp showing the name ABOVE an oval, the date in a straight line in the oval.

To be continued in next number.

The One Hobby.

BY W. C. KNIGHT.

It may seem like presumption on the part of a philatelist to claim for his

hobby as being the one hobby ranking all others, like the sun with its great light and brilliance obscuring all the stars in the firmament.

Not long ago I was in the interior of Cuba in the rough mountainous country hardly believing at the time that an inland city of Cuba could boast of a person versed in matters relative to our hobby. One day while there I received a letter from Canada franked with the popular Christmas stamps, the Pan-American Express Co., by the way, and the post-office were in the same room the post-office run by Americans. One of the officials of the Express Co., was shown my letter with several of the imperials on, and to those who claim that enthusiasm is becoming a thing of the past in these days of rush and hurry and money getting, one should have seen that official, who, by the way, was a Spaniard.

"Ah amigo Americano mucho bueno," translated as being "ah, friend American, it is very good and fine. My vocabulary of the Spanish language at the time was extremely limited. I say extremely for after I had said "Buenos dias, Senor," and one or two other sentences my stock of Spanish was exhausted. I was told later by the postmaster that the Senor was manager of the express company and was an ardent collector and that my Christmas stamps had delighted him, he had heard of them and only waited an opportunity of securing one for his collection, it is needless to say that I gave him the entire envelope containing the stamps which I found to my interest for it was my passport which made my way into his family circle, which was quite interesting including two beautiful dark-eyed señoritas and one son, an officer in the Cuban army. After that I became a regular caller at the house.

Every one cherishes a hobby of some sort, from the person who accumulates rare paintings of art, rare bric-a-brac, and some have been known to make a collection of old hats, of old shoes worn

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by famous people. The eye of every person forms its own beauty 'tis true, and in philately is combined all that is sublime and beautiful in art and science.

It was Rev. E. P. Roe who said: "Suppose that instead of looking with languid eye alike upon all things a man finds some question of vital import of a pursuit that promises good to himself and many others and that enlists his interest. He comes at last to give it his best energies and thought; the whole current of his life is setting in that direction. Of course he must ever be under the restraints of good sense and refinement."

A man's life without a hobby is a weak and wavering line of battle indefinitely long. One's life with a hobby is a concentrated charge.

A tree is known by its fruit, we are taught, and the fruits of philately are rich and luxuriant; its adherents are not limited to one city or country alone but embraces the universe and the day is dawning when the album will have its place in almost every household, hut and palace alike.

To the noncollector we would say start and collect; to the beginner hold fast to your album, adding to it day by day, week by week, year by year. Wine needs no bush, and the worth and value of the collection will make itself manifest, and to the older collector we would say look out for the younger collector aiding and encouraging him in every possible manner. To him we owe much. He swells the ranks of philately, adds to the dignity and stability of philately, i. e., increases business in every way.

There can be only one object in all this: To the collector who believes after all it were better to quit stamp collecting than there is nothing in it, we would say that a great opportunity is being neglected. How many philatelists have collected, and while giving philately only a short trial, quit the thing as they put it, tak-

ing up the hobby years later, realizing the value of it, paying for the stamps at a much higher price, twice as much in some cases, for the same stamps they discarded as worthless years ago.

This is a day of specialties, of not many things indifferently but one thing supremely. Experience will teach the young collector which course is best to pursue, to be a general collector, or to do the one thing well, or become a specialist. We may conclude by saying without presumption, that philately is the one hobby and extends a hand of welcome to all.

A Distinctively Western Stamp.

MISS PEARL CLARK.

The story of evolution is an interesting one, whether we apply it to life or to those subjects, which, of their close association to our pleasures and comforts, have a peculiar interest to us. To those of us who are interested in philately, its evolution and development from small beginnings, there is always a peculiar interest attached to any one stamp or set of stamps, which mark particular progress or event in history. Take for example, the stamps of our new possessions, if you please, they have become much more valuable to us, since they have taken such an important place in our own history, as well as that of the world.

Of later years in this country our development in all lines has been so marked and rapid that had philately attempted to take note of all of them, the task would have been a difficult one. There have been some points in the change and growth of our business and commercial life that could not be entirely ignored,—when men found the old methods too slow and sought for a quicker and better way of accomplishment. Such was the time when the stage coach crossing the continent in from twenty to twenty-five days failed to meet the desires—because of its slowness.

American, and especially western ge-

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nus and enthusiasm set itself at once to solve this problem, seeking most of all that method which would make possible quicker communication of thought between distant points. Not long did the question trouble them, for it was solved for the time being at least, to their successfully starting the famous pony express—the first fast mail of this western country. Long ago Sir Walter Scott told our history when he said, “the times have changed in nothing more than in the rapid conveyance of intelligence and communication.”

Two thousand miles of desert waste intervened between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Cal., the termini of the projected pony express. The vastness of the territory to be traversed, added to the multitudinous dangers of the way, made the scheme appear most difficult and daring. Careful preparations were made for this new and untried method of carrying telegraphic mail so that the success of the undertaking might be assured from the beginning. The express stations were located in connection with the stage stations whenever possible, so that the ponies were always cared for and ready for immediate service at the appointed time. The stations were located every twelve or fifteen miles, with a division agent, as an additional precaution, every two or three hundred miles, a precaution necessary in a country where so many Indians wandered about at their own will.

Four hundred and twenty sturdy little ponies were secured and sixty riders for them, men possessed of no small amount of courage and strength. Every man was expected to ride at breakneck speed for three stations at least—a distance of some forty miles or so, the ponies, however, being changed at every station. The schedule time for this trip was ten days, making it necessary that the ponies should travel faster than our freight trains of today, and this with as little delay as possible. The maximum weight

of mail matter allowed was twenty pounds, while the riders and equipments were light as practicable.

The mail bags consisted of two pouches strapped to the saddle before and behind the rider. Impervious alike to rain and weather these pouches, consisting each of two packets, were locked and sealed at the beginning of the trip, not to be opened till the journey was completed. This was made necessary by the value of the mail carried, the worth of each trip being about three thousand dollars. The mail was limited to dispatches and letters weighing not more than one ounce for which the small sum of five dollars each was charged.

April 9, 1860 the first trial was made, ponies starting simultaneously from St. Joe, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. So great was the success of the venture that the pony express from April 1860—Sep. 1861, was recognized by the government as well as private individuals, as the quickest, safest and best method of transferring mail matter. Great was the utility and remarkable the progress of the pony express, the business growing to large proportions before the building of the telegraph curtailed its usefulness and shortened its life. No mean part did it play in the opening up of the country, a fact which the government noticed by issuing a stamp, bearing the picture of the lone horseman hastening on his way with his saddle bags safely secured, intent only upon the importance of performing his duty.

Not every collector is so fortunate as to possess one of these stamps partly because of their high value and smallness of the issue.

After the introduction of the telegraph the pony express, like the stage coach, having served its day of usefulness had to give way to a still quicker and better method. Only the few scattered stamps remain to tell the story of that past which is bearing fruit in the present.

More About Buying Stamps.

BY EIK.

I do not fully agree with "A C D" in his article "About Buying Stamps" in the February number of the Philatelic West. I will not go so far as to say he is entirely wrong in his views, but he is entirely wrong in many respects. In the first place he is wrong in his conception of the idea which writers in general intend to convey when they advise collectors to buy only "good stamps." "Good stamps" in this case, are not necessarily rare or high priced stamps, as he affirms, and the writers simply desire to impress upon collector the advisability of using judgment in buying.

For example: Suppose you receive a selection of stamps on approval at the usual discount of 50 per cent, with say, seven stamps not in your collection, six priced at one cent each, and of about the same grade as the 10c Belgium, with the seventh, say a U. S. stamp priced at 6c. Say the amount you have to spend is limited to three cents, would it be good policy to select the six stamps catalogued at one cent each, in preference to the U. S. stamp catalogued at 6c? Of course if your aim is to collect a large variety of stamps without regard to value or quality, it would be all right to take the six stamps catalogued at one cent each, but if you desire to make a collection of "good" stamps you will show better judgment to select the one U. S. stamp catalogued at 6c. No one will say that the 10c Belgium is a good stamp to buy. I feel safe in saying that in fifty years from now it will still be catalogued at one or two cents.

I do not want to be understood that I am opposed to the collection of cheap stamps—far from it. The true philatelist derives as much pleasure from the study and classification of what A C D is pleased to term "trash" as he does from the study of rare stamps, but if he is content to have his collection grow slowly he can acquire the cheap stamps

without much outlay by exchange and otherwise, using his cash to buy the better grade of stamps. I would advise beginners who have only a limited amount to spend on stamps to begin by buying cheap packets and buy a better grade of packets as his collection increases, until he has acquired a fair collection, say 1,000 to 1,500 varieties. In this way he will accumulate a large amount of "trash" in the shape of duplicates, which he can use to advantage in exchange for more "trash," using what money he has to buy stamps.

In this way, if he has good judgment, he will in time become possessed of a collection which he will be proud of, and though it may not be as large as it would had he bought freely of the cheaper stamps, it will be infinitely more valuable, and will continue to increase in value as time goes on, and in case he should have to sell it, he will be able to realize as much or more than he paid for it. I am aware that philatelic writers assert that the true philatelist does not consider his collection from a financial standpoint, but while this may be true in a certain sense, I feel safe in saying that in these days of speculation, the majority of collectors have an eye to the future possibility of selling their collection. A C D is in error in stating that dealers derive more profit from the sale of rare and high priced stamps than they do from the sale of common stamps. Any dealer will tell you that the largest profit is derived from the common and medium priced stamps, and this is evident to anyone giving the matter a moment's thought. Dealers naturally have to pay a larger per cent of catalogue for the rare stamps than they do for the cheaper stamps. A C D is of the opinion that it is more profitable to collect the cheaper stamps from a financial standpoint. That is true if the collection is made up largely of "good stamps," that is, stamps which are sure to rise in price, either from having been in us

only a short time, or from other causes. If the bulk of his collection is made up of cheap stamps, however, selected indiscriminately, I cannot agree with A C D that there is much profit in it financially. He further states that anyone who only purchases low priced stamps cannot lose much, and I fully agree with him there. Let anyone who offers two collections to a dealer, however, of equal catalogue value, one made up of cheap stamps or "trash," and the other not having as many varieties, but a better grade of stamps selected with judgment, and I will warrant you that the dealer will pay a greater per cent of catalogue for the latter.

I will not attempt to discuss the balance of A C D's notice, as I have already considerably overrun the space allotted to me. I have probably said enough, however, to cause my friend A C D to have a hot box, which is the object I had in view from the start.

Postal Cards and Covers.

Mr. Brodstone suggests that envelopes be also included in this department. I provisionally include them accordingly, as no doubt many collectors gather both the two having so many points of resemblance, chief of them being the bother of storing them. As regards envelopes I will also endeavor to chronicle new issues and varieties as well as possible to one so far removed from the great philatelic centers. It would be a great aid to me if patrons of this paper, especially in foreign countries, would communicate new issues to me as early as possible; due acknowledgement will be given. As soon as I have a little more time, within six weeks or so, I will try to have special articles for this department on the cards and envelopes of various countries; particulars later.

Cape of Good Hope is issuing pictorial cards with views on the front. The type is similar to Scott's PC 2, but with Postal Union inscriptions; the color is now carmine. S. G. M. J. illustrates

one with a view of Port Elizabeth.

P. C. 1 d carmine on buff.

British Bechuanaland has a new registration envelope with an excessively plain stamp on the flap. The size is F(133 x83 mm.)

Reg. Env. 4d. blue.

British Central Africa has a new postal card, according to Le T.—P. It is for internal postage; the type is that of Scott's P. C. 3, but without the frame and with the re-engraved stamp.

P. C. ½ d green on white.

Dahomey has a new card of the usual French colonial design.

P. C. 10c black on greenish.

French Offices in Egypt. The stationary will not escape the fate of the adhesives, the 5c envelope of France has now been surcharged "Port Said" in red. No doubt there will be more of this; for Alexandria also, presumably.

Prov. Env. 5c green on white, red surcharge

Kishengarh.—The P. J. of India advises us that this hitherto unknown Indian state has issued a set of adhesives and envelopes. There are three varieties of the latter. The first is of laid white paper 136 x 78 mm with a tress on the flap; the stamp bears the arms of the state, at the the top the name, the value below. The other two envelopes are similar, but the stamps are adaptations of the corresponding British Indian stamps.

Env. 1 anna green on white, Type I.

½ " blue on white, Type II.

1 " purple on white, Type II.

Rhodesia—As the British South Africa Company's territory is known, has issued two postal cards in fine engraving. They bear an impression of Scott's Type A 8 in the upper right hand corner. The single card has "Rhodesia" in fancy capitals to the left of the stamp, below on it on a band "post card—Carte Postale," the reply card "Rhode sia" in fancy capitals, below it on a band "Post card with reply paid—Carte Postale Avec Reponse Payee." Each has a frame; the reply card is printed on the first and third pages. There is also a new regis-

tered envelope, size G(152 x 96 mm.) but it differs from its predecessor only in that the first line of the instructions now measures 84 mm instead of 80 mm.

P. C. 1 d, red on white

1 and 1d, red on white

Reg. Env. 4d, ultramarine on yellow with white. No. (Insert.) Both are waterlow productions.

South Australia has made a reply card of the single 1 d card (No. 406) by adding "With reply card" on the first half and "Reply Card" on the other. The halves hinge at the bottom and are perforated.

P. C. 1 and 1 d, rose on chamois.

Ceylon has utilized the 5c envelope stamp of 1895, Scott's type E10, a singularly homely production, for a 6c card by substituting the value in words.

P. C. 6c carmine on white

6 and 6c carmine on white.

Dahomey (see above.) I forgot to add an envelope of the same type on laid paper, size 118 x 72 mm.

Env. 5c green on white.

Finland.—Several papers have already announced the 10 and 10 p. card in a new arrangement and with new arms, so I merely call attention to it here. If the postal administration of Finland will be swallowed by Russia, this card ought to become fairly scarce.

British India, owing to Imperial Penny Postage, had need of a 1 anna envelope and rose to the occasion by surcharging the 2a 6p envelope. You may have seen notice of this before, but we are trying to catch up here.

Travancore has a new card of the old type, but lower value; size 135 x 77 mm.

P. C. 5 cash rose-red on buff.

Portugese India.—I see nothing more of the provisional announced last month, but there is a new card of new type. The usual Mouchon type of stamp is in the center of the top surrounded by branches, to the left at the top $\frac{1}{4}$ "De Tanga," at the right "India" below this is a curved band at the left "Bilhete," at the right "Postal;" below

four lines for the address and the usual direction.

P. C. $\frac{1}{4}$ Tanga green on buff.

Macao is getting away with the centenary being twelve varieties of them, I suppose the collectors will fairly make a rush for the new crop.

P. C. 1 avo on 2 avos rose on grey blue, blue surcharge.

Mexico.—The new stationery has been so extensively advertised already, that I will not repeat the list here. The new types are at all events a great improvement on anything heretofore issued by our sister republic.

Salvador.—If the last Seebeck set of cards was chronicled by our American papers, I must have overlooked it. It will do no harm to give the list here. The design is very simple; the stamp is type A 61.

P. C. 1 centavo, olive on salmon.

2 centavos, brown on greenish.

2 and 2 centavos, brown on greenish.

3 centavos, blue on grey blue

3 and 3 centavos, blue on grey-blue.

Malta.—The registration envelope, according to S. G. M. J. is out in size H (202 x 127 mm.) in the shape adopted for size G, tongued shape and the De la Rue imprint under it.

Reg. Env. 2d blue on white.

Sarawak.—In the recent mania for 4c surcharges which seems to have possessed all Borneo and adjacent townships at the same time, Sarawak also produced a card, utilizing the 3c card.

P. C. 4c on 3c, carmine on buff, black surcharge.

Victoria:

Two new cards have come to S. G. M. J., one the 1d card in new color and modified inscriptions, the other a new $1\frac{1}{2}$ d card with stamp of the type of the current $1\frac{1}{2}$ d adhesive. The 1d measures 124 x 82 mm, the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d 130 x 89 mm.

P. C. 1d, carmine on buff.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ d red brown on pale green.

New Zealand, according to the Australian Philatelist, will shortly issue $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 and 2 d stamped envelopes; perhaps they are out by this time. Description

will follow when we hear more of them.

Bulgaria has slightly changed the address lines of the 5st card, green on buff there are now four lines for the address, arranged like those of the letter-card.

Switzerland has changed the color of the 5c card to green.

P. C. 5c, green on buff.

Great Britain.—There has been considerable said about changes in cards here. It now develops that they are now 140 x 90 mm., instead of 130 x 90 mm I hope the British public will accept the small favor with due gratitude. The inscriptions are slightly changed. Der Philatelist chronicles:

P. C. ½d, brown on buff

½ and ½d, brown on buff.

1d, carmine on buff

1 and 1d, carmine on buff.

There is also a ½ and ½d card, brown on heavy white cardboard, size 114 x 89 mm, each, a strip of linen pasted under the fold.

P. C. ½ and ½d, brown on white

Queensland has issued a new reply card, type of the 1d single card, but inscriptions changed to suit.

P. C. 1 and 1d, rose on buff.

Gold Coast.—According to the I. B. J. there is a new envelope from here in the type of the adhesive; size 140 x 78 mm.

Env. 1d, carmine on white.

United States—Various European papers say that our 2c and 1 and 1c reply cards are now printed without the border. I hate to confess my ignorance, but I do not remember having heard or seen anything of this heretofore. How is it, ye Washington brethren?

United States.—The Metropolitan Philatelist reports that there is a new die of the current 4c envelope, being the third. It is conspicuous by the absence of the inner notched white line; the head is like that of die B.

Env. 4c brown on white, die C.

42 N. G. Taylor, Strang, Neb.: I have bought over \$70.00 worth of stamps from ads in the West over \$40 from one advertiser alone, and as far as my experience goes have found the advertisers to be very pleasant gentlemen to deal with. I appreciate this as a western man for I believe in patronizing home institutions.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The war in South Africa is sure to produce a goodly crop of "War Provisionals." The Boers are known to be short of postage stamps, and in Natal and the "annexed", portions of Cape Colony they are reported to have commandeered the the stocks of Colonial Stamps at the post office and overprinted the same "Z. A. R." meaning Zuid Afrikansche Republiek. For the British troops in the field there is a special postmark, but that, at present is all.

From a most interesting annual publication issued, by Mons. Manery, of Paris, we find that in the year 1899, no fewer than 652 new postage stamps appeared. The present year will probably exceed that total, mainly owing to the fact of the numerous colour changes necessitated by the Postal Union's recommendation as to uniformity in the colours of the low value stamps.

The small wheel surcharged in black on some of the late Salvadors is stated by a correspondent of the Philatelic Monthly to be in place of the word "Official" but the American Journal of Philately says that it is applied (to the 1898 and 1898 issues) to distinguish the stamps actually sent to Salvador for use from the unissued remainders in the contractor's possessions.

Patriotic Postmarks.—Another is added to the list, hailing from New Zealand, the postmark consisting of a circle, with date, etc., on the left, and a flag on the right. The flag has the Union Jack in the usual place, and in center of the flag are four stars (Southern Cross?) with N. Z. between them.

43 W. Winton, Ithaca, Mich.—My ad paid me fine and was O. K.

NOTES.

CHICAGO NOTES.

I was told a good story yesterday about the largest mail order house in Chicago. An order came to them by express for some \$600 worth of goods, the order and postage stamps to the required amount (\$600) being enclosed in a satchel. The order was filled and prepared for shipment, but just before shipping same, one of the members of the firm raised the question as to how so many stamps came into one person's possession, and started an investigation. The investigation cost the firm in the neighborhood of \$1,000 before they were through, the person was found to have come in possession of the stamps legitimately and the goods were delivered.

The members of the C. P. S. enjoyed a banquet at one of our leading hosteleries Saturday night March 17th. It was well attended and a thoroughly happy success.

The second public auction sale of the above society was held on the evening of March 10th, about 600 lots were disposed of and prices obtained good.

The "orange on white" envelope discovered in this city is creating a great deal of talk. It is a darker shade of orange than any of the other "oranges" found in other parts of the country.

The "Prairie State Philatelist" has appeared this month, with office of publication blamed to this city—too bad.

CANADA NOTES.

The 15c and 6c Numeral stamps of Canada are obsolete. The N. 8c soon will be, so will the 10c N. We understand that the government is not going to issue any more.

The stamp club that has been running in the Toronto Mail & Empire, (Daily paper) has given up business. This club was formed on October the 1st, 1898 and when it closed its doors to

Philately, had a membership of five hundred and ninty-one.

The Philatelic Club of Toronto have removed from their rooms in the Avenue Chambers, to new quarters, in the Broadway Hall Spadina Ave, where they meet every Tuesday evening and where every true philatelist will be welcomed, the club is in a very prosperous condition, having a membership (paid up) of 35. The club hold regular auction sales, every week, and handle from 100 to 200 lots each meeting.

The present officers of the club are as follows:

President—Geo. E. Davenport.

Vice president—E. A. Corker.

Secretary—E. B. MacGillivray, 47 Elizabeth St.

Treasurer—A. Rene.

Auction Mgr.—C. A. Crane

Librarian—Mr. Usher

There is no 1cCanada Letter Card (green.)

Canadians will soon have a 7c; this will be a new denomination for us.

PARIS, FRANCE, NOTES.

The artist M. Luc-Olivier Merson, who undertakes to furnish designs for part of the new French issue, has fixed on the composition to be used. He is to furnish the 40 centimes, 1 franc and 5 franc stamps, all of which will have the same design. An architectural detail is introduced, an arch in which the word "Postes" is placed. This arch rests on a base on which appears the inscription "Republique Francaise." Between the arch and the base is seated a figure representing the republic. Her right hand supports her head while the left hand rests on the hilt of a sword in its sheath. At the left is an olive tree from the branches of which hangs a tablet on which the value is inscribed in plain figures. This design will be printed on a background of a different color. The engraver is M. Thevenin.

ANOTHER FRENCH VALUE.

There is to be one more value of the

present design in the French series. The enterprising under secretary of the post-office department has decided to have a 2 franc stamp in order to facilitate business prepayment. One and five franc values alone have not been entirely satisfactory. The color of the new stamp is not yet announced. It is to be out in the first half of April.

ITHICA, MICHIGAN, NOTES.

Local stamp trade is in its bloom. Many young collectors have sprung up and we are pursuing the stamp business with a considerable amount of tact and zeal.

U. S. revenues are in greatest demand among collectors here.

We have represented here the the S. of P., P. S. of A., L. of M. P., and the Stamp Collectors' Protective association.

The writer had the pleasure of seeing 1 sheet of the new Antikamua exhibited by a local dealer.

Should any Philatelists visit our city kindly give us a call. Can make your visit entertaining and profitable.

WILLIAM WINTON, JR.

Queensland Revenues.

BY A. S. RUSSELL.

I was very much amused when reading the article by A. Millard, on the revenue stamps of Queensland which appeared in the "Collector" of November 5 last. There are several statements which I must take exception to, as they have evidently been made without the writer possessing sufficiently accurate information. The statement concerning the 1864 issue is quite correct, but he is wrong when he states that a new issue of 1868 (which was simply the 1864 issues on watermarked Q and Crown paper) continued until 1876. As a matter of fact it ceased in 1872, when there was another new issue from different dies to the 1864 type watermarked Q & Crown.

Through the watermark paper running out, there was a temporary issue in 1872 on unwatermarked paper, with a violet burili band on the back. This was discontinued as soon as a fresh supply of watermarked paper arrived. The 1872 issue is found with the watermark reversed and also inverted, the inverted are very rare.

In 1879 a smaller sized 1c was issued.

In 1892 the present issue came into existence, printed on the same paper as used for the postage stamps, as these stamps are twice the size of postage; the watermark appears twice side-wise on each stamp.

Besides these stamps there is another set of revenues, better known as the Impressed duty stamps, used for bills of sale, promissory notes, deeds and other legal documents, values ranging from 50 to £500. The following is a complete

list of Queensland revenues to date.

1864, no watermark. perf. 13, measuring 24x31 mm.

1d blue.	5 yellow.	6d violet.
8 yellow brown	1 blue green.	10 green.
2-6 vermillion.	20 rose.	

1868 same as last. Watermarked large Q & crown.

1d blue.	2 brown.
6d mauve.	2-6 vermillion.
6d blue (error)	5 orange.
1 blue green	6 yellow brown.
10-yellow green.	20-brown.
	20-rose.

1872 new type, perf. 21½x29½ mm, wmk. Q & crown.

1d lilac.	2-6 vermillion.
6d red brown.	5-yellow brown.
1-green.	10-brown.
2-blue.	20-rose.

1872, same as last, no wmk. Burili band on back, same values and colors as last.

1879, perf. 12, wmk small Q & crown. Stamp measures 11x22½ mm.

1d violet.

1879, same as last; no wmk. Barili band on back.

1d violet.

1892, wmk Q & crown twice sidewise, perf. 12, stamp measures 23x41 mm.

3d lilac.	3s slate.
6d green	5s salmon.
1s blue.	10s brown.
2s orange.	20s deep green.
2s 6 red brown.	100 s black.

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11s, 12s, 12s 6, 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s, 17s 6, 18s, 19s, green.

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£3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, yellow.

10 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 40, 50 violet.

£60, 70 80, 90, brown.

£100, 200, 300, 400, 500, mauve.

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EDITORIAL.

Revenue stamps perforated with the oblong holes are now on sale here and we certainly cannot see any excuse for the change. It is harder to separate the stamps perforated in this way than those either rouletted or perforated with round holes. When the stamps perforated in this way have been separated it leaves the edges rough and unsightly instead

of uniform and neat as when separated by either of the other methods.

It is hard to explain the stand taken by many of the firms issuing private proprietary stamps, in refusing to sell them to collectors, at any price. Some of the firms have gone so far as to mutilate the stamps before placing them on the articles, thus rendering them useless to collectors. It looks as though the owners of these stamps would be glad to place them where they would advertise the remedy or proprietary article but such does not seem to be the case. Not all collectors are afflicted with "kidney trouble" and very few of them need a "nerve tonic", hence it is expecting rather too much to ask them to buy all of the remedies for the sake of the stamps. We hope the firms who have private proprietary stamps will see the error of their ways and at least assist healthy collectors in securing them.

A practice of removing private proprietary stamps from articles and replacing them with the common issue, has been going on for some time in several of the Omaha drug stores. A dealer who adopts this method of procuring stamps for his stock should make no kick when stamps are substituted on his approval sheet by collectors. The business is rather a risky one, as a firm that will spend from \$75 to \$250 for a die to make these stamps will hardly expect to have to have the stamps taken off their goods before the same reaches the customer, and if the subscribers are caught in the act they might find it cheaper to do without such stamps. Many frauds of the present time with which stamp dealers have to contend are traceable direct to the dealers themselves. Many dealers watch every corner for new names, and send to each a batch of stamps on "approval." These usually consist of trash they would just as soon lose as not, and many many young collectors keep the stamps, either through ignorance or de-

sign, and the matter not being followed up closely by the dealer, they get started on the down hill track. This practice among dealers should be discontinued, and no one can be blamed for not returning sheets sent without solicitation.



The fact that the goat which recently swallowed a copy of McKeel's Weekly Stamp News is still alive and in a fair way to recover, speaks well for the wholesome quality of the contents of that paper. If the goat had been unfortunate enough to swallow some of the many Vol. I., No. 1 stamp journals now being circulated it would have been all day with him as we think that even the digestive apparatus of a goat could not withstand the contents of some of these journals.



About a year ago collectors were advised to invest in the high value current revenues, on account of the probable change to be made in the colors. It was stated that the colors faded easily; many were so nearly alike as to be hardly distinguishable at a distance, and others of such a color as to make the usual cancellation mark imperceptible, thus permitting their use a second time. The advice was good, even if the causes for the same have been changed somewhat and instead of the expected change of color we have a change of perforation, and what is worse a change of cancellation which amounts to nothing less than mutilation. The law requires that all values above the 10c shall be cancelled by cutting three slits in the stamp in addition to the usual initials and date.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

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progressiveness in this close of the nineteenth century. It is the person who thinks and never gives up that loves the world because he is progressing with the world. Many old people imagine that the ideas have all been discovered but the youth, the man of the coming generation sees that the world has many undiscovered environments and therefore resolves to stimulate his mind and body for the battle of life with a thinking power.

The front cover of this month's Philatelic West and Camera News presents its readers the likeness of one of these enthusiasts who is progressing as an advertising agent. It is this young man's aim, Mr. A. H. Kraus, Milwaukee, Wis., to secure advertisements for publishers, in fact, represent a paper the same as a representative would, seeing the trade of the respective paper at a smaller cost than a representative could expect of saving hotel and traveling expenses. Is not this young man doing a great deal for the publishers?

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ROB. G. RIDGEWAY, F. O. S.,

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REV. EDWIN E. EWELL, M. A.,

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A. C. TRASK.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I once more address you to beg you to consider how important it is to be really active members. No society can stand long without the necessary interest. Let every one of us pull together. I have received Mr. Daily's resignation as secretary and treasurer and feel sorry, for I believe he is a gentleman and well qualified for the position and believe other members will regret too. I have appointed L. Brodstone to fill the term until next election of officers and trust my selection will be acceptable to all. Let no personal feeling cause any break in our society. Nothing of this sort should be shown towards any otherwise good officer.

R. L. PAYNE.

AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

A society officer cannot do very much if he has not the aid of individual members. The auction mg'r has experienced this: it is by the aid of fellow members, that this department is in running order. We wish to thank all those holding out a helping hand, either as bidders or as such offering stamps through this department. All can help for every member either is a buyer or he is a seller or he may be both. If you are not a member kindly join the N. P. S. We must have a close organization in order to keep out frauds, etc. All such will be exposed if endeavoring to deceive this department.

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Counterfeits of N. P. S. Collection.

Have you ever seen a two cent Lake 1890 grilled 9 x 11? This specimen was added to the society collection early this year by Mr. W. C. Estes of Omaha, who found it amongst a lot of stamps he had purchased, and is a splendid example of what can be done in the way of forging grilles. This leads one to suspect that the more expensive and rarer issues of the U. S. stamps can be thus treated and possibly deceive an expert. In this case it is evident that the grille was put on after the stamp was cancelled on ac-

count of the ink showing down to the points of the depressions. Another counterfeit received is the English penny red 1856 surcharged "Cyprus" this being printed with a pen and India ink the letters are well formed. Amongst others are St. Louis two cents, Canada one cent changed from orange to purple brown and two cent green to blue. From Mr. A. C. Daily, Omaha, were received the following; Falkland islands six pence pale blue, St. Vincent one penny dark green, Buenos Ayers four reales green, Buenos Ayers one peso pink, Buenos Ayers two peso carmine, Berge-dorf one and one quarter black on yellow, all of the above are good specimens of the counterfeits art and illustrates how careful the beginner must be in buying stamps from unscrupulous parties. We have two hundred specimens now in the collection, who will be the next to add some more? That there are plenty of good counterfeits in the collections of the members throughout the state there can be no doubt and if these could only be gathered together in the society's collection it would remove a possibility of their being exchanged for good stamps. It is to the interest of collectors to keep counterfeits out of circulation and when ever they buy any by mistake or in packets from uncrupulous parties they ought to publish the same at once, for if they don't and try to dispose of them to the uninitiated, they become party to the deception and do more to hurt Philately in this way than any other I know of. When a young collector finds out that some of his most cherished stamps are worthless he becomes suspicious of the whole lot and generally gives up collecting altogether. So fellow members send in your counterfeits at the earliest opportunity and if you want stamps examined only and opinion given, enclose return postage.

Yours Truly

E. W. FITT.

To The President of the N. P. S.,

Owing to the fact that my time has been so occupied with other business I have been unable to give the affairs of the society the attention they merit from the office. I feel that under the circumstances it would be best for me to no longer encumber the office. I therefore beg to hand you my resignation as Secretary and treasurer and trustee and to ask that you immediately appoint my successor.

Yours truly,

A. C. DAILY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Secretary's Report.

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263 Ed Wilkinson, Lincoln, care B & M frt depot
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APPLICATIONS.

267 E L Platz, Omaha, 3330 Manderson st., 4x5 Premo
268 G H Curtis, Neb City
269 Guy Heltman, Blair, Vive camera
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The American Journal of Philately for February continues the catalogue for advanced collectors on its unwearied way with an exhaustive list of Victorian envelopes and wrappers. Mr. Nankivell writes an interesting London letter. He advises to load up on Transvaal and Orange Free State. Let us hope that the brave little republics will live long to issue their own stamps. Mr. Luff continues the article on the stamps of our own country and treats the postage due stamps. He does not attempt to make distinct issues of the colored varieties in the old set, but merely enumerates them as varieties—and no end of them there are. Under "Notes" advance news is given of new issues for Bosnia, Corea and Crete. The usual chronicle pokes caustic fun at the new Hungarian issue.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies for February is both late and thin, nevertheless interesting. Mr. Sellschopp writes from Germany on German postal affairs and speaks disparagingly of the new set over there. Japan threatens a special 3 yen stamp for the wedding of the prince Imperial, probably in April. Tonga has set a pernicious example indeed, as to wedding stamps. An interesting article is begun on cancellations; being interested that way myself, I hope for much from the combination.

The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist for February brings an interesting article by Miss Swift on several hitherto unknown varieties of Tasmania. The 1858 issue is treated; there will be a continuation. This is the kind of articles we need to bring our papers up to the standard of their European colleagues. Mr. Kilbon gives an installment of the Minor Varieties List, covering Maderia and Martinique; no need to recommend this to notice. There is a war on between the P. B. and E. P. and the Virginia Philatelist; an editorial in the former attacks the V. P. in caustic language. Nevertheless such is consistency—the editor of the V. P. is a prominent correspondent in this number of the P. B., while the P. B's reviewer in this same number speaks "of the ever welcome Virginia Philatelist." There must be an oversight here somewhere.

The Jubilee Philatelist for January reaches our table for the first time, and while the size, appearance and typography are not inviting, the reading matter is first class. Mr. H. A. C., the well known Philatelic writer conducts the review department in a very able manner, and it is our opinion that he handles the matter better than any subject we have ever known him to use. "A Possibility" by Wm. C. Knight, contains a list of the three largest stamp collections, and London, Boston, Montreal and Toronto notes make up the balance of the reading,

The December number of the Philatelic Review was so extraordinarily fine that the effort exhausted the publishers and the next number is a double number. They promise to make it up later.

The opening article (by Mr. Loomis) on stamp collecting travels in the beaten path. The notes are interesting even if there is nothing new about them; the Thorne collection and the Hunter sale are written up at length. I hope for more in the next number.

The January Australian Philatelist brings the lamentable news that the government of Victoria is about to issue 60,000 war postage stamps to raise money for a patriotic fund. A certain Mr. Griffin is urging the new South Wales government to do likewise and thus levy tax upon us collectors to help the war. I am glad to see the A. P. strongly objects.—A number of novelties are illustrated by means of a fine process plate, evidently in part from Postal Union specimens, a number of the stamps being surcharged MUESTRA.—The new catalogues are reviewed. At the end I find an article that shows how small the globe is getting to be these days. Sometime in November last I translated a clipping from a Milwaukee paper for Mr. McKeel's paper. I sent it to Mr. Severn at Chicago, he to St. Louis; there it was printed and a copy sent to Australia; the A. P. reprinted it, sent a copy to Mr. Brodstone, he to me—and here it is back again in my study in the early half of March! Pretty good time upon the whole.

The Adhesive for March brings the portrait of Mr. Magill. With all the good looking young men on the covers, the Adhesive ought to be a favorite with the lady collectors (or collecting ladies, rather); witness Miss Swift's little story in "Across our Albums." A list of parcel post countries is given. Mr. Magill writes words of wisdom on Philatelic Journalism; I know of a few editors to whose special notice I would recom-

mend this article. J. S. Dalton writes on minor varieties; I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the 2c purple Canadian envelopes referred to as "minor variety." The Review is fair except that it does not include the Philatelic West, which is unfair. I hope Bro. Wylie will deign to notice our existence. From Boston there are news that Finland remainders are reported to have been bought by a dealer in Paris. I doubt that there are any remainders as yet, for M. Moens states that Finnish stamps are still coming to him on the mail from there.

Antverpia et Scaldis Philatelique for February contains much reading matter but of what interest to stamp collectors is an article on birds, one describing an oriental festival, numerous jokes, and a continued story? The only Philatelic item not already seen elsewhere is a communication announcing that the new Belgian set, without Sunday label will probably be out in March and that the 1 fr. stamp will therefore not be changed in color, as had been announced.

Der Philatelist has an extensive chronicle, well illustrated, in the February number. Dr. Moschkan states that of the 1900 postal card of Germany, 8,000,000 have so far been printed and an official notice says that they will be printed and sold as long as there is a demand for them. There is a pointer for our P. M. G. On April 1 all the German private postoffices, whose stamps serve to swell the "1,000 varieties mixed" packets, will have to retire from business—small regrets to them. An article illustrates the new Hungarian watermark; it consists of interlaced CIRCLES (45 m. m. in diameter) and crowns and there are secret marks IN THE WATERMARK!—Under "Notes" there is a notice of sale by the Sudanese government of a lot of cancelled Sudanese stamps. This seems to be becoming the proper thing; but it seems rather small business for a government.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

Le Timbrophile Belge for February is a little thin, but good in quality. The chronicle is fully illustrated; postal cards are now listed separately. Theodor Haas' article on the Puerto Principe issues of Cuba is continued; it is accompanied by a magnificent plate showing the various surchargers and postmarks. Quite a number of counterfeits is described. A translation of Lient. Maus' article in Der Philatelist describing the mixed up postal conditions on and surrounding Lake Constance brings up the rear.

LeTimbre-Poste for February has the usual exhaustive chronicle. M. Moens pours vials of righteous wrath on the Argentine issue of New Year's cards, which he terms indecent. They do not seem to have come to this country as yet. The new South Australian and Brazilian issues are likewise scored, and as to the new Hungarians, speech nearly fails him. Pity M. Moens could not be appointed a commissioner to pass upon all new issues BEFORE issue; then we would be spared many an inartistic one. You will remember the sensational disclosures made by M. Moens made as to the lithographed counterfeits of the 1883 Haytian issue. He enters into a lengthy defense of the same in this number and seems to make good his point. An interesting article is begun on the stamps of the Argentine Republic; as a promise of surprises in store, it appears that of the 1858 issue there are (for each of the three values) nine varieties of type and of each of these twenty-four sub-varieties, making 216 in all for the sheet. I, for one, will not attempt to reconstruct the plates. In the fiscal chronicle there is a cut of the new American revenue stamp issued in the Philippines, of the 15c de peso.

Canada is represented in March by the Philatelic Advocate. It contains various interesting United States and Canadian notes. John Pelz describes two type varieties of the French 20c blue of

1853-60. They are new to me; even Marconnett's exhaustive work on the stamps of France does not mention them. Are they not due to wear of the plate? From Ottawa comes the news that the Canadian postoffice department has definitely discontinued the issue of 3, 6 and 15c stamps.

Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal for February brings a goodly array of interesting features. The editor has his say on the question of double postmarks on the early English stamps, which is making so much noise in England just now; he rejects them as no interest; the chronicle is as full as usual; Major Evans incidentally defends himself on the charge of trying to be funny in his remarks on new issues. It would be too much to allude to all the interesting news given here; I merely mention that a large number of Austrian unpaid stamps of the new set were sent out imperforate, the printing office being overcrowded with work; that there is to be another local surcharge for north Borneo, specially for collectors; there is some official information on the stamps lately issued at Retyms in Crete. There is a lengthy review of the lately issued magnificent work of Messrs. Thiraband and Renterkiold on the stamps of Switzerland. Fortune favoring me I will have a copy myself sometime and then will describe it to the readers. Under "The Stamps of Some of the Native States of India," the editor treats of Cochin and Dhar in the usual exhaustive manner. Mr. Beckson discourses on the perforations of various Roumanian issues. Under Notes and News Mr. Phillips notes a few forgeries of British Bechuanaland and Cape of Good Hope and gives the quantities of Philippine remainders lately sold. Mr. Duerst's Collectanea lists a number of shades of the French 1c of 1877, gives a large number of defects on various Bavarian stamps, speaks at length of the varieties of the 5c Genevas of 1847 and adds some other items of interest.

The Evergreen State Philatelist for January appears in its usual evergreen cover and is an excellent number. Era contributes notes for the U. S. collectors, in which is mentioned the free carriage of mail matter for the different departments, by the postoffice department at a loss. J. S. Dalton contributes a very readable article on Old and New issues, and the editorials are features of the paper. The Evergreen looks with suspicion on the International Philatelic Review. While admitting that No. 2 is "all right" they would like to know who is backing it. There is certainly nothing like stamp collecting or dealing to teach a person to look below the surface and ascertain the facts in cases. We trust that ere this the Evergreen has learned who is backing the Review.

Le Timbrophile Belge for January (the last at hand) contains the usual splendid chronicle. Theodore Haas begins an authoritative article on the Cuban surcharges made at Puerto Principe in consequence of the late unpleasantness. He gives official documents and numbers issued. I would like to see one of our papers reproduce this article. I will translate it if someone is willing to print it. The Paris letter states that the government printing works are already at work on the new stamps recently illustrated in various American papers and are turning them out at the rate of 8,000 sheets (of 300 each) per day. This type serves for the 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 cent values. Of course none are on issue yet. The minister of commerce has under consideration a design for the 1 to 5c values. It shows a female figure representing Liberty holding the scales of Equality, while two cupids signify fraternity.(?!?) Under Notes, the numbers furnished are given for the Persian issue of 1894-5.

The January number of Phil Chronicle and Advertiser is the last one at hand at this writing. It contains some very interesting notes on English stamps and cancellations.

The New York Philatelist for February: The idea of collecting application blanks of the different philatelic societies is certainly a new one, but when reflected on the possibilities open in that line appear to be unlimited. The societies are certainly numerous enough to warrant a fair collection. Veritas under the head of "Some Philatelic Abuses," pleads for freedom of the press, etc., and then proceeds to devote a column and a half to scoring "A C D S" for an article written by him on the "Entire Envelope Crank." Veritas clamours loudly for the collection of Entire envelopes only, showing that he is just as much prejudiced against cut squares as A C D A is against Entirets. It is a difficult matter to advise people what to collect and the writer who advises one to collect just what he pleases, has his advice followed usually.

It is not within the scope of a monthly review to review our enterprising weeklies. Of the three prominent American weeklies I would have to report on twelve numbers at least in each issue—no, let us leave details to the rival reviewers of these same weeklies. The Era is as good as embe; I would rather miss a week's political papers than a single Era. The same to be sure is true of the McKeel-Severn paper; in its way there is no better. I am glad there is an innovation here in Mr. Andreini's items from foreign papers; most of our collectors are lamentably ignorant of Philately outside of the English tongue—and there is a great deal of it! For another thing I would like to call attention to Dr. Mitchell's late splendid article on the Mosquito Reservation. As concerns the Metropolitan Philatelist, we cannot, of course, expect a large paper for 25c a year, but could we not get a little more than Mr. Bartel's letter, intensely interesting as it is? This and the chronicle is virtually all there is of the paper. I liked it better in its palmy days as a monthly.

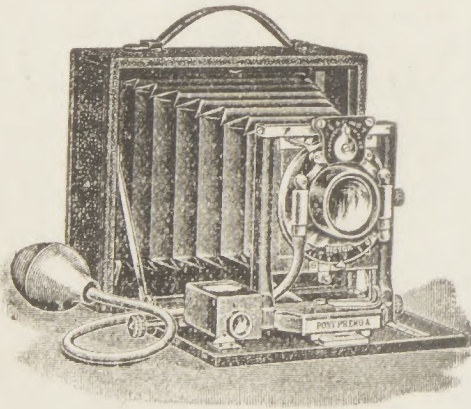
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Proper Advertising.

BY A. C. D.

Quite an interesting article by Mr. S. P. Hughes appeared in the January number of the Adhesive under the caption of "Keyed Ads." The article is interesting from the fact that it is out of the ordinary rut of supposed "philatelic matter" but the figures, given as they are, without any explanation are somewhat misleading. The fact that an answer to an ad. in the "Youth's Realm" cost Mr. Hughes only one cent as against \$1.00 for an answer to an ad in McKeel's Weekly and \$2.00 to an ad in the Stamp Tribune, proves nothing, inasmuch as the nature of the ad. is not given. An ad of 100 cheap stamps for a cent would probably not receive as many answers from readers of McKeel's Weekly as from readers of the Youth's Realm, while an advertisement of a Brattleboro

90c Justice etc. in the Youth's Realm would probably meet with no returns whatever. In short the proper thing to do is to advertise the right thing in the right place, at the right time. The magazine with the largest circulation is not always the best paying medium for advertisers. A circulation of 100,000 is of no advantage to an advertiser unless the subscribers are in the aggregate interested in the thing advertised. It would therefore be of no more benefit to a stamp advertiser to patronize a paper with 100,000 circulation where, say, five per cent of the readers are stamp collectors, than it would to patronize a paper of only 5,000 circulation read only by stamp collectors. Taking the proposition to average the advertising rate on the basis of \$1.00 per line per 100,000 circulation the advertiser can afford to pay more for ads in a strictly trade journal than he can in a journal devoted to general subjects.



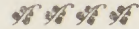
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Pleased to place names of readers who have cameras, or for 2c stamp will send membership card. Active card 25c.

Camera News.

PHOTOGRAPHY AS AN EDUCATOR.

The editor recently asked his readers—Which is the most educative hobby? Among the replies he received: "Photography. And it is a very pleasing fact that the popularity of this ever interesting pursuit increases. Probably there are nowadays few people intelligently interested in applied science who do not photograph. The camera is met with everywhere, in all sorts and disguises, and the modern stand camera (so light and convenient) is no unsightly or infrequently seen object.

The cult of photography is awakening an art sense among our people, to which, up till now, the general body of them has been dead. Art has been understood by the few; but now it is becoming more and more cordially appreciated by the many. Our fair ones confess all their charms to the camera without compunction; and many of the pictures shown at our photo exhibitions would startle reactionary minds as much as any painting of the most liberal school of art. All this denotes the forward march of civilization. Old prejudices are erased, and worship of the beauties of 'the human form divine,' becomes our mental attitude. Then, while we are refined thus, so that to us, what was common becomes spirituelle, we are advanced along the path of progress in matter-of-fact matters.

Photography—the practice of photography at home teaches us to grasp the rudiments of chemistry and optics, or in other words, incites us to grapple for some mastery of that sort of knowledge which has the only serious claim to be exclusively exact,—viz: Scientific knowledge. And then see how profitable is photography in even the sordid, pecuniary way. Our amateurs, almost one and all, vie with the 'professional' as exploiters of their admirable craft. They pho-

tograph their families and friends in all moods, all styles of dress and undress, and in all positions. They grin medals for art at the recognized, fashionable exhibitions; and it is not to be wondered at that they make money 'hand over fist' as the vulgar saying goes, by selling the chaste, exquisite productions of the faithful lens."

PHOTOGRAPHY WITHOUT A LENS.

In photographing wood sections without a lens, Herr Fomm places a piece of tinfoil on one side of the section and the film surface of a sheet of bromide paper against the other side. A good impression—showing clearly the rings and rays of the wood—is produced in about a half a minute, when a metallic point negatively charged by an influence machine is brought within about two inches of the paper. It is explained that the paper becomes negatively charged, and a photographically active glow light is produced between it and the wood. It is proposed to try this method for copying drawings and other purposes.

The following mixture I have found a very satisfactory varnish for black leather. In 400 parts of methylated spirits, dissolve 15 parts of powdered shellac. Then add five parts sandarac, and also one part mastic, and finally ten parts of Venice turpentine. When the solution is complete, which can be materially hastened by frequently shaking and placing the bottle which holds it, in a moderately warm place, then allow any sediment, and there is certain to be some, to subside, and add aniline black until the varnish is sufficiently black. This mixture keeps well, and may if necessary be diluted by adding more spirit.

THE DEWEY ARCH N. Y.

The amount of interest shown by photographers in the Dewey arch is remarkable.

The Sunday after the parade there was no less than 300 photographers

amateur and professional, within 100 yds of the arch.

These it must be remembered were not all of those present but were constantly changing and it is considered a conservative estimate that ten thousand people photographed the Dewey arch on the day of and the day following the parade.

I would hardly dare to state figures on the sum total of the photos taken of the arch but some idea may be gained when we know that at the present it is hardly possible, on a pleasant day, to find the arch void of all photographers.

During Dewey week perhaps Grant's tomb was next in importance to the Dewey arch and hundreds of pictures were taken of it, mostly by enthusiastic amateurs.

Our friends who imagine photography on the wane should have been in New York on the famous Dewey week and I can say they would change their opinions.



RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AT THE EXPOSITION OF 1900.

The minister of commerce, postoffice and telegraph, on the proposal of the commissioner general of the universal exposition of 1900, considering the decree of Aug. 4, 1894, containing the general regulations of the exposition, notably the articles 70 and 103:

ORDERS—ARTICLE 1.

ARTICLE 1. The use in the exposition of so-called HAND photographic apparatus, is free during the whole period of the opening to the public, with reserves of the provisions of article 3 and 4 of the present order. It is not subject to any fee.

ARTICLE 2.

The use of apparatus with base can be allowed only till 1 p. m. It is condition only on written permission delivered by the commissioner general and subject to a fee.

Permission is given either for one time or for the period of the exposition.

In the first case, the person getting

permission, receives a special permission of the price of twenty-five francs per apparatus, of which the stub is to be detached at the entry.

In the second case, the privilege is controlled by a card bearing the photograph of the person getting permission. It gives rise to the payment of 1,000 francs per apparatus.

The payment of these fees does not release the operator or his assistants from the entrance fees for the grounds.

ARTICLE 3.

No exhibited article can be photographed without the written consent of the exhibitor.

Interested parties must likewise provide themselves from foreign commissioners or concessionnaires, with permission for the reproduction of their palaces and pavilions.

They assume entire responsibility for reproduction and guarantee the administration against all recourse.

ARTICLE 4.

The operations must be carried on in a way so as not to hinder in any way the circulation and users of apparatus are required to conform, in this regard, to the injunctions of representatives of the administration.

The right to photograph remains, moreover, subject to all the regulations given out or to be given out in the interest of good order and policing of the exposition.

ARTICLE 5.

The commissioner general is charged with the execution of the present order.
Paris, Mar. 6, 1900.

[Signed] A. MILLERAND.

Paris, Feb. 28, 1900.

Proposed by the Com. Gen.,

A. PICARD.



PRINTING IN CLOUDS.

Make a rough mask of eardboard, and whilst printing in the clouds, use it as a screen, keeping it moving all the time. The clouds must not come down to the



SUPERIOR MANDOLIN AND GUITAR CLUB, SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA.



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SCENES IN BLACK HILLS ALONG N. W. AND F. E. & M. V. RYS.

Camera Exchange Column.

One Notice under 25 words free to each Subscriber.

For Sale Notices 1/2c per word. Three insertions for price of two.

Amateur Photographers:—I wish to obtain by exchange, or for cash, unmounted, untrimmed ferrotyped prints, any size, subjects as follows: First:—Odd buildings, freaks of nature, strange freaks of animal or vegetable life, oddities of photography, photos of curious and out-of-the-way subjects, manners and customs, queer ceremonies (religious or otherwise), fetes, processions, strange sights, and phases of life, in short anything peculiar or remarkable. Second:—Series of prints illustrating the conversion of natural resources into material wealth from start to finish. Photos illustrating some comic action, event, place or thing, or curious friendship existing among animals. Any amateur who may wish to exchange prints and has nothing to meet the above requirements may send 12 unmounted assorted prints postpaid, enclosing a 2c stamp for which I will mail in return 12 prints made by as many different persons. My list of prints for exchange is large and comprises subjects from New York city to the zinc mines of Missouri. W. R. Tilton, Prairie Depot, Ohio. U. S. A.

Herbert D. Pierce, Woburn, Mass., 4x5 prints in and about Boston to X for western views Would like to hear from all.

Wanted, photos of all readers, unmounted cabinet size in X for publisher. L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

I have about 50 different plates of T. M. and I exposition, comprising day and night, grand court, exhibit buildings, state, foreign and individual exhibits, state buildings, midway scenes and characters. Indian camps and characters, etc. Send other views in exchange, or if these are not convenient, then American views of historic interest preferred. M. R. Gilmore, Valley, Neb.

For exchange, photos of general western subjects, all sizes including 8x10's; a 5x7 Pony Premo Sr., tripod, extra plateholders, ray filters, etc. Two full sets of telegraph instruments of 20 ohm resistance, several years' Munsey's, McClure's and Cosmopolitan magazines, all kinds of stamps—many on sheets, several hundred all kinds philatelic papers, 60 volumes of paper-bound novels, standard authors, and other things too numerous to mention. Wants a 32-cal. C. F. Winchester or Marlin rifle, a small box-camera using plates and daylight roll film, guitar, encyclopedia—International or Britannica preferred. All letters answered but no postals noticed. Write and state what you have and want. If desired, references required and given. W. M. Smelser, drawer 218, Ashton, Neb.

W. E. Damon, M. D., bx 38, Kilburn, Ill., Premo Sr. Special 4x4, has Illinois, Texas and Mexican views. Also views relating to the early life of Abraham Lincoln. Every amateur send me 6 prints and receive a prompt and fair ex. Velox or Solio.

Fred M. Chilson, 2021 Curtis st., Denver, Colo., has 4x5 Velox prints of western subjects and desires to exchange with amateurs all over the world. Send 6 prints and receive same number from me. Send for my animal series of prints. Prompt attention given all correspondence.

Confederate Paper Money.

The set includes \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1, 80c for 75c.

Can use all kinds of paper money in exchange for coins, relics, etc.

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Block of six 1c on 3c.

3 of type 1

1 of type 2

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Remember only 1,600 of type 3 in existence.

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1885 25c blue, 25c.

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30 all different including new issues 25c.

25 all different, (revenues) 25c.

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YOUR NAME

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Omega stamp hinges for 15c post-paid. A set of 12 figures, including \$ and ct mark on separate handles for only 12c. Self-inking pads, black, violet or red, 15c each. Finest work guaranteed.

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Write me. James W. Sells, 10 N 8th st., St. Louis, Mo.

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Indian Relics, Curios, Old Books, Almanacs, Papers, Coins, Stamps or anything for a collection. Will pay cash or exchange. Have a big list. Let me hear from you.

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buildings. They should be very lightly printed in.

SENSITIZERS FOR POST CARDS, ETC.

Make up the following:—

Silver nitrate.....	1 dr
Water	15 dr
Tartaric acid.....	1 dr

Print deeply and immerse in a weak combined toning and fixing bath.

HOW TO KEEP STOPPERS LOOSE.

The glass stoppers of bottles used for holding solutions of photographic chemicals are liable occasionally to stick fast. To prevent this happening the dry glass stopper is rubbed over with a trace of vaseline. Vaseline does no harm to any photographic chemical with which it may come in contact.

A CHEAP DRYING RACK.

An admirable drying rack may be made out of a cigar box a little larger than the plate. It should be 3 or 4 inches high, with both the lid and bottom taken off. Glue some corrugated paper along each side of the inside of the box, and place a loop of wire at each end for handles, and the drying rack is complete.

PERISHED SHUTTER RELEASES.

Rubber tube and balls of the pneumatic release of shutters are very frequently put on one side for long periods, and soon lose their elasticity; this may be prevented if the tube or bulb is freely powdered with French talc, or the rubber may be softened by immersing it in a solution of one part of ammonia, 880 to two parts water. Any cracks may be filled up with ordinary india-rubber or cycle solution.

MARKING NEGATIVES.

It is sometimes desirable to have the name of a picture marked on the negative so that it may appear in the finished print. This may be done in several ways. One of the simplest is to write

the name backwards in India ink on the film side of the negative. This should be done with a fine drawing pen, and the lettering made in one of the lower corners. As the title appears white in the finished print the writing should be done where the glass is clear or in the deepest shadows.

To have the name appear in black on the print, take a fine steel needle, and having first marked the letters lightly with a pencil, scratch the letters through the film to the clear glass. Make the edges smooth, and see that the lines of the letters are perfect as every imperfection in the lettering appears in the print.

An ink for writing on photographic prints may be made by taking 2 ounces potassium iodide, 6 ounces distilled water, half an ounce gum-arabic, 1½ drams, iodide. This is used for writing on the dark part of photographic prints.

HINTS FOR ARRANGEMENT OF A DARK ROOM.

It is a well-worn saying that our comforts often depend upon very small things. This is certainly the case as regards comfort in the dark room. For instance, ventilation—plenty of change of air; an inlet down and an outlet high up. These are simple things, but vastly important if you want to avoid headache, etc. Dust and dirt; both small but important items. Keep in your dark room an old metal bucket, pail, tin, or some such thing. Into this you can drop matches, scraps of string, paper, broken plates, etc., etc. Dust is material in the wrong place, so that any out of its place becomes a nuisance. Therefore have plenty of shelves and boxes into which you can put your various odds and ends in order. Dust is a perpetual trouble, and especially in towns. The best way to keep it down is to have no carpet on the floor, but either bare boards or oil cloth, and frequently give a rub over with a damp mop.

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I have a brand new Winchester, 15 shot, 38 cal. repeater, model '93, used only 3 weeks, which I will X for the largest collection—general—of stamps offered me. No offer of under 1,000 considered. Also have a few sets of 26 different 5x7 Velox prints of the Paris exposition (buildings under con. etc.), taken by myself, which I will X for 4 copies of the \$10 '98 issue U. S. revenue, or two copies of the \$50. same issue, or will sell at \$2 per set. This is a very fine set. Address all com. to Fred T Hagne 915 Prentice ave., Ashland, Wis.

Photographs of stamps taken without a camera: very simple method, 10c. Outfit 50c. A. C. Merseur, New Bedford, Mass. 3A

W Waterbury, Calais, Me. has an Eastman pocket kodak and a No. 4 Bullet to exchange for a Poco or a Premo 4x5. Also has a 4x5 and 1½x2 prints to X

Any amateur sending me one or more unmounted 4x5 print of any interesting subject will receive the same number from me. References, A B Day & co., bankers, Mansfield, Mass. F B Eldredge, Mansfield, Mass. 12A

Good new guitar and case to ex. for film carrying camera, Kodak or Vile, no smaller than 3½x3½. Send particulars; will answer all letters. Oliver H Lafranchi, Reclamation, Calif.

All are invited to enter a photo contest, given by Geo. E. Moulthrop, Main st., Bristol, Conn. The conditions are given in the March number of the World Wide Photo Exchange, 25c a year. Published by F. R. Archibald, Rock Creek, O.

A H Knutson, 322 N 11th st., Lincoln, Neb., 3½ views Matanzas, Masiel, Cuba; Augusta, Ga.; Herman cyclone, 3rd Neb.; ex. for good prints of right kind or Indian relics. Send your lists. Will also sell. Write for copy leading paper of Neb. University, the Arrowhead.

I will give U. S. half cents 1804-34-35, other coins, etc., for a good camera or rifle. Erastus Cornell, Marshalltown, Ia.

3¼x4¼ camera and collection of stamps, cat. about \$75, to trade for a good focusing camera or best cash offer. Albert J. Myers 3728, LaSalle st. Chicago, Ill.

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A procession of postage stamps forms the chief spectacular scene in the pantomime at the Grand theater, Islington, England. Each of the following eighteen countries has five representatives, who bear on the front of their dresses enlarged copies of the stamps:—Portugal, Siam, Norway, Greece, Persia, Italy, Egypt, Holland, Spain, Japan, France, Turkey, South African republic, China, Russia, Germany, United States and England. The dresses are handsome and all together the spectacle is quite imposing.

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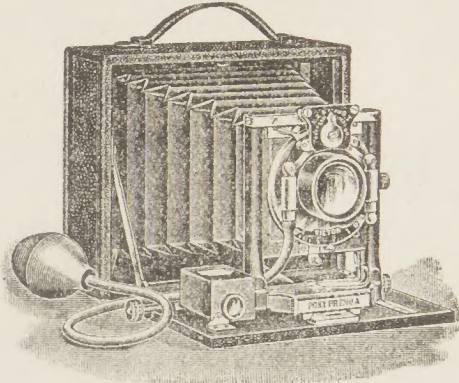
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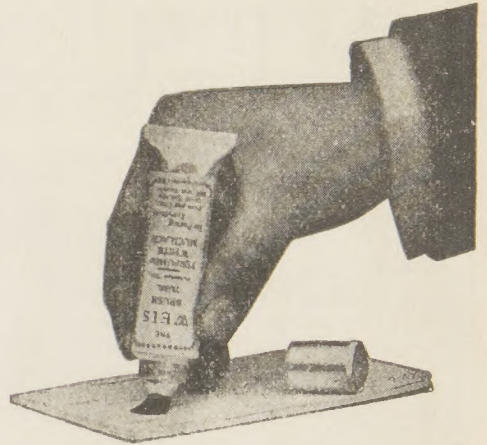
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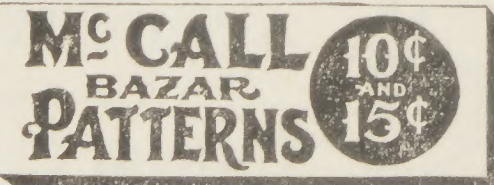
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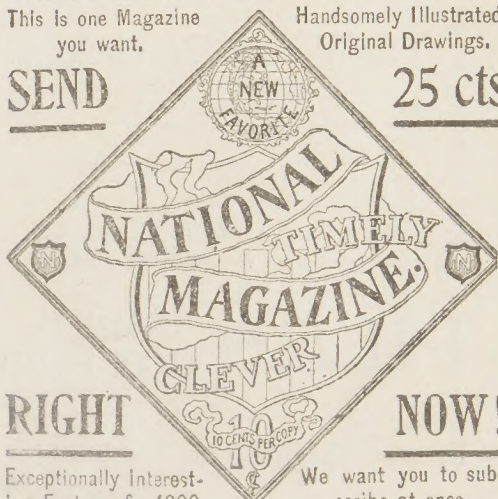
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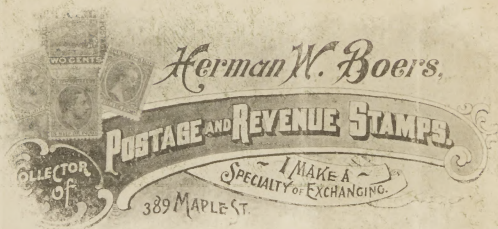


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Counterfeits and Their Detection

By *Lacus Viridis*.

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CHILE.

Nothing is sacred to the counterfeiter and he has laid his nefarious hands even upon honest Christopher Columbus, as portrayed on the stamps of Chile. I have before me a number of counterfeits of 1853-62 issue, which are well calculated to deceive the beginner, notwithstanding their lithographic execution (the originals were engraved in taille douce by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London.) The trouble with the beginner is that he usually cannot tell the difference between the various methods of production, hence he must be aided by pointing out distinctions which even the untrained eye may see. The first of these forgeries is one of the 5c red. First of all it has no watermark and the paper is too smooth in

texture as compared with the rough handmade paper of the originals. Now as to the design, there is an easy distinction to be found in the left upper corner. In the spandrel above the word CORREOS there are three rows of chainlike ornaments; the first row, beginning with the E, has only two links; the second row, beginning with the first O, has four links, the uppermost showing only partially; the third row has two links. This for the genuine; the counterfeit has three rows also; the first has two links; the second has four links, but the LOWEST one is incomplete; the third row shows THREE links, the middle one complete and a partial one above and below it. The lettering is fair, but the 5 is too low, measuring not quite 2 mm in height, instead of 2½ mm as on the genuine. In fact all the letters of CENTAVOS on the counterfeit are a trifle too low, though almost too little to measure it. The shading on the cheek of Columbus on the genuine consists of dots, on the counterfeits of dots and partly of lines. The head is the weak point of this

forgery which otherwise is quite accurate; the expression of the face is quite different, though the difference can hardly be expressed in words. Comparison with the other values of the set will show it, for the originals were all from the same original die, the value being inserted on the various transfers. The hat of Columbus on the genuine has a spot on its top which is parallel with the base of the L just above it; on the forgery the spot is almost a point, not wide enough to be parallel to the L. All this is true of counterfeits of the 10 and 20 centavos also, which seem to have been produced from the same stone, the figures 10 and 20 alone being changed. The 10 and 20 are too low in about the same proportion as the 5c above mentioned; the figure 2 on the 20 has an almost flat base instead of being distinctly curved as on the genuine. A forgery of the 1 centavo yellow of this set also resembles the above; the figure 1 measures 2 mm in height, whereas on the genuine it is nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm in height. The foot of the C in CHILE is nearly horizontal (when placed upright) on the counterfeit; on the genuine it curves strongly upward. All these counterfeits bear a "postmark" almost incidental with the one really used at the time—six parallel lines, growing shorter as they are farther from the center, surrounded by four concentric circles. Its chief distinction lies in its thin, precise, factory-made appearance, that on genuine specimens being naturally much unevenly impressed.

Of the next issue I have two lithographic forgeries before me (the originals being *taille douce* productions of the Continental Bank Note Company of New York.) They are not as good as those above described; perhaps our American-made stamps are harder to imitate than those of European make. At all events the GUILLOCHE work (or

engineburning) so much employed by American engravers is an almost insuperable obstacle to the forger, no human hand being able to approach the regularity of its lace-like designs. These two counterfeits—one of the 1c orange and one of the 5 centavos red—are good examples of this, for their guilloche work looks as coarse compared with that of the originals as poultry netting compared with mosquito-bar. The lettering is also very deficient. On the genuine stamps of all values of this set—all from the same original die—the C of CENTAVOS is radically directly under the first O of COLON; on the counterfeits it is radically between the O and L. As the end of the word corresponds to the genuine, the whole word CENTAVOS is thus unduly crowded together and the space between the figure of value and the C CENTAVOS is too large; on the 1 centavo almost 2 mm instead of 1 mm, on the 5 centavos, 2 mm instead of $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. There is about 1 mm space between the front part of Columbus' hat and the H of CHILE on the forgery, but only $\frac{1}{2}$ mm on the genuine. (You will observe, no doubt that Mr. Derpat is quite right when he says in his valuable article in the last number of this paper that no collector can afford to be without a millimeter scale.) On all the genuine stamps of this set the lower part of Columbus' beard is quite level horizontally; on these two counterfeits the beard is too short and points slightly upward, giving the whole face an odd upward look. The genuine stamps of this set are perforated 12, the usual gauge of the American Bank Note Companies; these two counterfeits are perforated 13—poorly, at that. Their cancellation is a purely imaginary one, unlike any ever used in Chile: between two sets of 4 parallel bars at top and bottom, growing shorter the farther out they are so as to form a circle, there are ten short curved lines, at right angles to the others, five facing to left and five to right.

(To be continued.)

English Postmarks

The postmarks of England are much more easily classified than those of the United States because there are only a few different styles of postmarks used in the whole territory of the British Isles. In our own country the different classes of offices have each many small varieties, while in England the different sizes of office have each only one or two varieties.

The larger towns of England use what are called duplex marks, very similar to the 2nd class U. S., shown in the May number. The numbers in the cancellers run from 1-999, and A 01 A. 99; B 01, B 99, etc., to R 46 or thereabouts. These numbers correspond something to the alphabetical order of the office names.

Another style is the double circle. This style and the rest have no "dauber" or canceller. Between the lines containing the office name are two heavy arcs, before and after the name. At the bottom sometimes appear numbers, and also the maltese cross.

The square postmarks have a square outline but the inside is circular, containing the office, etc. The remaining space is filled out with horizontal lines.

The smaller towns have a circular mark which is stamped on the back of the envelope. These letters, going through the larger offices are cancelled there, the received marks are impressed on the back of the envelope, but are in no way different from the despatch marks.

The collecting of British marks, offers a better opportunity for filling out sets than any other country. There are very few styles of marks to provide for, and so one line can be worked up very nicely. And so in collecting the marks of London; the different patterns are allowed for, and then the different stations can be filled in. London and Birmingham are about the best things to specialize.

J. L. WHEELER.

Miscellaneous.

The shades of rose, carmine and lake colored stamps are the most delicate colors to handle in the connection with any kind of moisture. You will notice often rose or lake colored stamps spoiled, the color either faded, washed out or spread and the print blurred. It's simply carelessness and easily avoided. Put your stamps of that unreliable color separate from different colored stamps (not to spoil those innocents also) in a wide shallow dish filled with half an inch of water, and be careful to drop them on the surface of the water keeping the face of the stamp upward and dry. The water below will soak and loosen the paper on the back of stamp and it is easily removed before the moisture reaches the color, spoiling it. With a little care the manipulation is done to satisfaction. After taking the soaked stamps out of their bath, I at once dry them between two blotters and spread them on a newspaper until dry enough to be put away. For handling stamps I either use a pair of stamp squeezers or a pen knife. My collection of now over 3100 all different and mostly cancelled postage stamps I have on hinges of course, pasted on manilla paper pages in a 11x14 scrap book. The pages I have ruled myself in squares in red ink according to the sizes of stamps of the different countries. The duplicates I keep in card board boxes, secured at a gents furnishing store. These boxes have been once the receptacles of the common bow neckties (around your neck, not the commonly so called butterflies) and you find flaps pasted to the bottom inside the box for the neckties to be strung over. These flaps I have fastened straight up by a piece of strong paper pasted to each end of flap and sides of the box, thus forming partitions for the various kinds of stamps now resting assorted peacefully in their graves until time with the sound of raised price calls for their resurrection for exchange.

My Experience in Stamp Collecting.

Yes stamp collecting is a great thing, I certainly have reason to bless the day I started my collection, not because I have a valuable collection, even now, but for what the gathering of the stamp has been and still is, to me. Perhaps you would like to hear about it. I only started about three years ago, and how often since then I have wished that some one had told me about it when I was a small boy. I might have had a fine collection now, and it certainly is a splendid thing for boys and girls in a great many ways. I am a young man twenty-five years old and confined to the bed for life. About three years ago, I had a present of a small album for U. S. stamps, I had never known anything about them until then, I had a few sent me and arranged them the best I then knew how, in the album, though of course I know now a few of them were wrong, but soon after a friend brought me a large International album, and a catalogue and with another packet of stamps, I transferred them all into that, and became really interested. It grew to be more to me every day, and now it seems as though, it is the only thing that takes my mind from myself entirely, and as though I could not get along without it, so you see, it seems to be something that fits well everywhere, children, grown people, sick or well, rich or poor, find it an interesting and helpful pastime. My friends save their stamps for me and I have been fortunate in having them sent to me. I have only bought a few and now have 2,600 in my album. I do not collect the different watermarks and kinds of paper as it seems to me a stamp needs to show on its face that it is different from another in order to be a variety

by itself. However, it is well to know about these things I have found. I am constantly changing stamps in my album for better specimens, and take more pleasure in a nice copy. It is interesting to watch different people put a stamp in an album, you can tell at once whether he is neat and gets much good from his collecting. I know some who have collected years, who do not use the regular hinges but insist on spreading muscilage on paper, and using that instead of the hinges. In watching them put a stamp in, some of them will slap i in place (?) in the album without seeing if it is straight or anything. I know nearly a dozen sick people, who collect stamps and are confined to the bed or chair, and they nearly all say that nothing interests and gives them the pleasure that a few new stamps do. The greatest trouble is that after getting about so many they find it hard to get new ones, as they don't have the same chance that well people do. For such people the new issues are a help though I can see where the harm comes too, when a country gets too greedy in trying to extract the dollar from the collectors pocket—but I think in the long run such countries hurt themselves more than they gain, for after a while the body of collectors don't care for the stamps from those countries unless it is the first issues and although I am not a specialist I don't pay any attention to the stamps of three or four countries I could mention, unless it is the first ones issued. Trading stamps is my greatest pleasure now, and I eagerly watch for mail every day. Canada has given us some interesting and pretty issues lately and it is to be hoped she will not go too far with it as "enough is as good as a feast." Their Christmas stamp was rather a botch job it seems to me, at any rate it is well the map is not for practical use or we would be apt to get

rather confused, as to where we and every other country were supposed to be when at home. I hope to see some of the other collectors write about their stamp collecting.

ARTHUR LESLIE TILLOTON,
Cazenovia, N. Y.

Philatelist of Old vs Philatelist Of Modern Times.

I hardly consider it fair and considerate when somebody, giving his own ways as the iron rules for conducting a thing, scorns others of a different opinion. It seems to me unfairer still when this is done in unsparing terms, in ridicule and scoffing. Especially so in our own hobby respect everybody's own notions. If a person finds his delight in collecting new and unused stamps only let him do so, and if a person has a pious devotion for old tattered relics of stamps, limbs or head shot off in the battle of service and time, don't touch his tender feelings with a rough paw. To say that philately is advanced too far for collecting stamps, rent slightly or damaged somewhat and that a collector of that kind of trash is no true philatelist of the advanced stage of our time but a "tearful sentimentalist" is going too far. Every collector has his own views, his aims, his own purposes. If a person wants a nice picture book, and besides looks to the cash value of market goods, let him collect new stamps only. Let him adorn the pages of his album in his own fancy, for instance the stamps probably rising in value the quickest paste them all on separate pages, next the slower money bearers and last the slowest. That system would suit the person looking for profits in trading or selling stamps exceedingly well. Or the person, who rejoices over the fine looking brand new stamps, let him paste one page full of green, the other full of red or blue or

pink stamps. Would that not be a surprise to the eye, a different color flash every turn of a page. Or why not arrange the stamps in their bright colors in pictures of flower baskets or fruit pieces. They could be framed for dining room ornaments. Why, there are thousands of ways of collecting, arranging or displaying of stamps and let everybody alone in his fancy. At the same time these ways would not be the slightest obstacle in studying the stamps, following philately and drawing knowledge and science from these stamps. I admit when on the other hand a person prefers to collect used stamps only, even if slightly rent or damaged in some other way, he cannot be excluded from the advanced stage of philately of modern time. Not at all! On the contrary I for my part, would consider him the True Philatelist, for he would not look to the probable advance in price, he will not collect for a probable gain in time to come, he is collecting for the true object in view from the first beginning of stamp collecting. A collection of old cancelled stamps does not look so nice, that's true, but there is more treasure hidden in it for the philatelist than in a collection of new unused stamps and more real genuine satisfaction, as I am going to prove. Besides you can learn from a cancelled stamp all that you possibly can learn from a new one in mint state or otherwise. You have the postmark; you get acquainted with the different ways of cancellation; often notice the name of the place where the letter was mailed from and where the stamp was sent on it's travels for actual duty. You go deeper into geography and names of cities of such country, tell you of places that you likely never heard of before and often you find the date of cancellation which will help you to determine the time when the stamp was used be-

fore it became obsolete. There is more interesting matter to draw from a cancelled stamp than from a new one, and all this matter helps to bring philately to perfection. And there is another point to be considered in reference to collecting: genuine postage stamps. Everybody knows that bankrupt countries print and sell an abundance of new issues for their revenue. These stamps go in a mint state into the hands of dealers, and never were intended for postal service, consequently never were in reality postage stamps not even in their birth. They are nothing but facsimiles of postage stamps and a book with pages full of stamp reproductions printed thereon would answer the same purpose as far as philatelic information is concerned. Of course for an article of trade such book would not be worth much and another point is that the postmark only in many instances renders a stamp a postage stamp and draws all the difference (and in value also) between a postage stamp and a revenue stamp. Is that not true? I then dare to assert, that the philatelist is the one collecting cancelled postage stamps, even if slightly rent or damaged otherwise, in case he cannot obtain lightly cancelled ones in good condition. The genuine and solid value of such a collection of cancelled stamps is hidden deeper, then the eye looking for money making or for beautiful external appearance can detect, no doubt that dealers don't agree with me I can readily understand. But there will be a multitude of collectors left who do not agree with me and still hang to their own ways of collecting new bright and untried stamps and I do not wish to hurt their feelings or to dispute their way. My spirit is too much American to dictate to others or to interfere with other opinions. I simply wished to give my own individual opinion on philately and have tried to defend collectors of cancelled stamps, even slightly damaged, against an article I saw lately in

one of our prominent philatelic magazines, a little too offensive to my taste.

For final I may add, that many postage stamps in a cancelled condition are even higher in price than the same issue of stamps unused and uncanceled, and this fact endorses wonderfully my argument.

Let everybody collect in his own manner, be it postage stamps, revenue or even match and medicine stamps. Everybody has his own hobby, though not everybody is a philatelist. It seems to me that the perfection or highest grade of a philatelist is the one collecting entires, reasons to cover assertion plainly given above. Match and private medicine stamps I consider outside of philately. Now I would like to hear "from another country." Fraternally for philately, E. R. STEINBRUECK.

War Issues.

Recent events incline the philatelic mind to War stamps—to stamps issued solely and especially for the purposes of war—as well as emergency issues, like the "Mafeking Besieged" or the "Bulawayo" provisionals of 1896. Not at all a bad notion would it be to make a special collection, of war stamps, for such a collection, if anywhere in the neighborhood of completeness, would be a war history of the world during the past half century.

Certain notable examples at once occur to the mind. There are, for instance, the labels issued by the all-conquering Germans in the conflict of 1870, known to philatelists as the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine, because they were used by the victorious Teutons to supercede French stamps in the "annexed provinces. One might describe these labels as "Conquerors' stamps," and, in character, if not in form, they are on a par with the stamps of the Orang Free State and the Transvaal "commandered" and converted into stamps of the Queen by

Lord Roberts.

In South America "war issues" are as thick as blackberries in September. Paraguay, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, are only a few instances. During the present civil wars in the Republic of Colombia, all kinds of fantastic provisionals have been created by the "Dictators of a day."

In your catalogue, under Peru, you will find all sorts of weird and wonderful local issues, such as Ancachs, Apurimac, Cuzco, &c., many of them the handiwork of guerilla chiefs in war time. In Mexico's days of storm and stress it was a favorite expedient on the part of local bigwigs to issue and use their own stamps. Indeed, had they not done so, there would, in many cases, have been no stamps to use.

Perhaps there is no war Issue of greater historical interest than the oblong type-set labels issued under Brazilian auspices in 1865-70. These mark the Homeric struggle waged between big Brazil and her plucky little neighbor Paraguay; and the stamps were specially created for the use of the Brazilian soldiers and sailors engaged in the war. Their crowning interest, marking them out as unique among war stamps, is the fact that they bear an inscription directly recording their use in the "War against Paraguay." Those of the stamps used by the Brazilian Army are inscribed "Exercito," and those for the Navy bear instead the word "Armada."

Spain has issued war stamps galore, but those almost invariably have been designed as a means of replenishing the war chest. In fact, they are, strictly speaking, War Tax stamps, and represent an addition to the postage rates in war-time. U.S. borrowed this leaf at the time of Hispano war; but Great Britain, though frequently urged to do so, has never raised war funds in this way.

The war stamp of the "Free State" Boers will be well within the memory of readers; and, in short, one may find

War issues in the stamps of almost every quarter of the globe. Some are common but more are scarce; and a complete collection would be valuable, both philatelically and financially.

Miscellaneous.

Two curiosities in entires I would like to report.

1. A $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 cent documentary revenue stamp has been used for a postage stamp and passed through the mails alright.

2. A good Connecticut lady has mailed a letter from Paris Exposition to Mandan using an English $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. She may have thought English stamps are good the world over. French postmaster ignoring British supremacy called for a French postage stamp and letter has arrived here, French stamp cancelled, British stamp left untouched.

3. The orange colored 2c U. S. envelopes, I have got hold of a few, but I do not think they are genuine orange print. It seems to me that exposure to the hot sun, perhaps combined with a certain amount of moisture, dew for instance, transforms the sensitive carmine into orange.

E. R. STEINBRUECK.

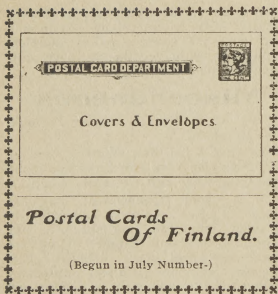
On a recent date we glean the following from the Minneapolis Tribune:

"I consider the present revenue laws governing the stamping of life insurance policies as absolutely unfair, and as unjustly discriminating against a very worthy class of people. Here is a comparison of the stamp tax on life policies for periods indicated:

	Law of 1862-4	Law of 1898
Stamp tax on \$1,000.....	\$0.25	\$ 0.30
\$10,000.....	1.00	7.00

In considering this it must be borne in mind that during the civil war the nation was battling for its life, its population and wealth immeasurably inferior to that of the present, its treasury depleted and its credit very seriously impaired. At the present time our government treasury overflowing and our national credit of the best. One great battle of our civil war was more of a strain upon our national resources than the entire Spanish war and Philippine insurrection combined."

While this view may not coincide with that of the members of the ways and means committee it is quite probable that this section of the revenue law will be modified if not repealed.



ISSUE OF JUNE 1, 1873.

General arrangement similar SCOTT'S to type P. C. 2. Same stamp TYPE at left; first line of upper inscription now has the first word spelled korresponden-skort (instead of korrespondans;) the second line now reads kirjevaihtokortti Suomenmaassa (in Roman print) and is terminated by a round period; the third line reads as before but is printed in tall, thin letters and terminated by a square period. The lower inscriptions are changed by the addition of the instruction formerly printed at the left of card; the first line now reads: Pa denna sida teeknas endast adressen och adress-orten. Till Ryssland pa ryska; the second line is now in Roman letters also and reads: Talla puolella Kirjoitetaan ainoastansa vastaanottajan nimi- ossoite ja asuntopiakka. We najalle venajaksi the third line in Russian cannot be here reproduced owing to lack of the necessary type. Size, impression, cardboard, as before.

9. 8 Penni green on buff.
a green on salmon.
b green on straw.

The shades of green vary as much as in the former cards; here also the stamp and frame are in different shades of green, being impressed in two operations.

I would be sufficient—unless one goes in for shades—to distinguish a dark and a light shade of green. It must be noted here that in the Russian line of the inscription at the head of the card the second last letter, an i, is dotted, thus i. The inscriptions, etc., on the back remain unchanged from the previous issues; their meaning is: "Place for communication"

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ISSUE OF JAN. 1., 1874.

Same as No 9, but inscription in slightly different TYPE and arranged with more space P.C. 3. between the letters; the second line of the heading now has a square period, in the third the second last letter is not dotted. Size, impression, card board, as before.

10. 8 penni green on buff.
a. green on salmon.
b. green on straw.
c. green on pinkish (Scott red-brown.)

The same shades of green may be noted here. I suppose my number 10c is the same as that described by Scott as on red-brown, which seems rather too strong a term for the pinkish cast of the cardboard. The authorities seem to have paid but little attention to the shade of the card used. The increased space between the letters is especially noticeable in the second line of the upper inscription; the letters are also a trifle thinner. The two upper lines of the lower inscription have also grown longer, so that the second line now almost touches the border of the card, whereas on No. 9 there is quite a little space between the period and the border the third (Russian) line, on the contrary, is a little bit shorter than on the previous card. The inscriptions on the back were also newly set, which can especially be noted in the Russian inscription.

8 penni was the inland rate and if cards were to be used to Russia, another stamp had to be stuck on them. This led to the issue of a provisional card of the Russian rate.

ISSUE OF JULY 1, 1872.

Same as the preceding card, SCOTT'S but another stamp impressed TYPE under the first one at the left P. C. 3 side of the card. Same impression, etc., as before.

11. 16 penni (8x8) green on buff.

As one of the stamps was added at a later impression, the cards were at press three times and the shades of green vary accordingly, the frame and inscriptions, upper stamp and lower stamp being in different shades of green. But as this is one of the rarest of all Finnish cards, both used and unused, not many of us are apt to go in for shade collecting with this card as an object. It was in use for only two months, the definite issue appearing in September; hence the price of \$6.00 unused and \$10.00 used is reasonable, as the number used was no doubt but small.

The title Korrespondenskort at first given to the card of Finland corresponded to that under which postal cards were known in Austria, the country of their origin, where they are called Korrespondenzkarten to this day. But when Sweden introduced postal cards in 1872, they were called Brefkort (letter card) and Swedish influence being then still dominant in Finland, at least linguistically, the name of the Finnish cards was changed to correspond with that of the Swedish cards. The occasion for this change was an increase of rate, which led to the

ISSUE OF JULY 1, 1875.

Stamp in upper right hand SCOTT'S corner; border same as before. Three lines of inscription at top; first line: Brefkort (till ort inom Finland); second line: Kirjekortti (Suomenmaassa) third line in Russian, which we cannot

reproduce here; the words in brackets are all in script type. Three lines of inscription below, reading like those of the last issue, but with the four last words of the first line, the two last words of the second line, the five last words of the third line omitted; inscriptions on back of card unchanged. Size, impression and card as before.

12. 10 penni lilac on buff.

a mauve on buff.

13. 10x10 penni lilac on buff.

The double cards are hinged at the left, the first and third "pages" being printed on; the inscriptions are alike on both, the same as those of the single cards. The stamp of this issue was not the previous one changed, but was type III of the 1860 envelopes, used for the 5 penni adhesive in 1866; it has 8 stars, 8 lines in the shield and 26 lines in the background (see the description of the four types given under No. 5 above.) A transfer was taken from it, the value altered and it was then used for this issue, pending the preparation of the dies in the new type of 1875. The words omitted from the instructions had become unnecessary, as these cards were for use in Finland only, as shown by the additions to the upper inscriptions; till ort inom Finland mean "to a destination within Finland." As these cards like the preceding ones were produced by two impressions, the stamp and the border often vary in shade.

(To be continued.)

The collectors of entire stamped envelopes and of original covers are not saying much these days, but they are busily engaged in securing as many interesting and scarce varieties of these kinds of stamps as possible. After they have got everything in sight and there seems nothing more to gather in, you will hear such a hurrah for Entireties and Original Covers as you never heard before, and then the fellows who start in to get them will have to pay a pretty price. Make your collection as complete in these departments as possible now.

SUCCESS IN PHILATELY.

To be successful in all we undertake to do, in all of our ventures that the Golden Winged Angel of Success hover near us is the constant prayer and aim of humankind. Instinctively we grope around in darkness stretching forth our hands blindly in vain attempt to touch the hem of the Goddess of Fortune.

Fitness often prepares the way for us to success, then Environment, Chance and Opportunity are great factors, but how many of us are prepared and how many of us grasp the opportunity when it arises.

On Opportunity my plans are drawn
When Chance looms big my lazy spirits yawn.

Is too often the case with we mortals. Success in Philately means of course a large and valuable collection, coupled with a thorough knowledge of stamp collecting, in all its detail together with that satisfaction that comes only through achievement. Philately is full of possibilities and to the collector who with an unswerving ambition to secure a valuable collection to him belongs the prize and to him it will come sooner or later as a matter of course. The element of success is in commencing a collection and then and there with the firm resolutions to keep at it, to hold out and not to cease collecting at any cost or cause whatever. This is the kind of spirit that succeeds, that wins all of the prizes and the mortal with this spirit seems to get along better than the (other) fellow.

Try it, it pays, the indifferent collection of an indifferent collector does not amount to much artistically or from a financial point of view. Philately does not offer much to the collec-

tor who feels that stamp collecting is the one hobby one day and who is the next day wondering whether it is really worth while to collect any longer or not, this indifference continues, so does the collection. When bargains or snaps are advertised he is slow to take advantage of them if at all, he does not care to invest in them when at the same time they would be valuable additions to album, he does not invest for he believes it hardly worth while to invest in any more stamps for soon he will dispose of his entire collection and be done with the whole thing entirely. Then probably something inspires him on to a new effort, interest is again aroused, then he looks again for those bargains or snap advs he saw in a paper a month ago, he writes and finds that the adv in question does not hold good at present.

You have heard of valuable collections, true, but no one person has a monopoly on valuable collections, go into the valuable collection business yourself, it is possible.

You have heard that keeping everlastingly at it brings success, why not the same results follow by applying the same rule in philately.

WILLIAM C. KNIGHT.

A philatelist has discovered a new method of preserving rare stamps. His invention goes by the name of "glass leaves," the use of which protects original covers and varieties from dirt and handling.

The best resolution for the New Year is to resolve to become a stamp collector. This is a resolution that can be kept and if kept is one that will be a boon and continuous pleasure.

The dealers and collectors who went to Europe this summer for pleasure and to seek snaps in stamps are coming back now. Some were very successful in picking up bargains, while others were not.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

Counterfeits of the stamps of two medicine firms exist or have existed, as it may be doubtful if any of the fraudulent have survived. In the case of one—Hennings and Boulhack—the firm was almost immediately apprehended and only escaped punishment by being mulcted a good round sum as a fine. In the second case—that of Band H. D. Howard—it is said that the firm became alarmed and endeavored to dispose of their plate by throwing it into the sea off Staten Island but that it was accidentally found by a fisherman in his seine and through him fell into the hands of a government inspector. This firm also paid heavy damages to escape punishment and very shortly retired from business as a result of their misdemeanors.

In 1888 Senator Cullom of Illinois introduced a bill providing for the construction of a complete telegraph system to be under the control of the post office department. It was to be a ten wire system and the rates were to be fixed by law at ten cents for each twenty words for a distance not exceeding 500 miles five cents for each additional ten words and for distances over 500 miles five cents for each additional 250 miles.

The office of Director General of Telegraph was also created, with rank and pay of an assistant post master general. The measure shows that careful study had been given the subject and it is greatly to be regretted that it did not become a law.

If you find revenue stamps with both styles of rouletting, save them, as the specimens in question are likely to be scarce.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

New issues for So. Africa of all kinds are reported.

Roy F. Green's poem for P. S. of A, seen in part in several of the papers.

U. S. Revenues are reported higher in new catalogue.

Minor varieties increased and most depts are listed on ribbed paper.

Revenues in new colors are out.

The \$5,000 revenue stamp of the first issue (Civil War) mentioned some time ago being owned in Washington City, is on a Union Pacific Railroad bond, which is in a safe in one of the departments.

A great many collectors are buying new private proprietary stamps as they are issued. Some collect them singly some in pairs, and others still in blocks of four. These stamps, in unused condition will make a handsome showing.

J. Ressigian of Avoca, Victoria sends a proposal submitted to him to commemorate the proclamation of the commonwealth on the 1st of January next by the issue of special illustrated penny postcards. When the postal departments of the federating colonies are amalgamated, it is assumed that a date will be fixed before which all the different denominations of stamps now in use will be called in and cancelled, and after that time they will have no value except to philatelists. Federal stamps will, of course, be issued in their place.

Fiscal and Department Revenue...

In the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" for September, just received I see that the editor believes in being up with the times and has accordingly added a Fiscal department.

One item in the above is vague to say the least, where it is stated that "Walter Morley's English catalogue is the only one of its kind in the world covering revenue stamps."

Mr. Morley issues a price list and catalogue of the stamps of Great Britain including revenues price 2 | 6, 62c, also catalogue and price list of the revenue stamps of British colonies, price 2 | 6, and catalogue and price list of the telegraph stamps of the world, price 5 | — \$1.25.

A suggestion is made that a Fiscal Exchange Club be at once organized for the purpose of exchanging duplicates. I am heartily in favor of such a move, and should be pleased to hear from collectors in regard to the formation of such a club. It could be arranged so that those who make a specialty of Mexico or Canada or the United States would receive selections only of the above countries.

Credit is due to the editor of the Fiscal department of the C. P. M. for suggesting the movement, and I hope he will continue to boom it along.

The plates of the handsome foreign bill stamps of Ceylon are engraved exactly opposite to what one would expect, I have part of original bearing unsevered trio of the (1 rupee 20c) lilac and green, which read Third of exchange, second of exchange, and lastly, first of exchange.

Telegraph stamps seem to claim considerable attention just now, for in addition to the admirable catalogue of telegraph stamps issued by Morley, the Philatelic Journal of India has an article of much value on the telegraph stamps of India, which is continued in its columns. By the way its a shame they will only let us have half a stamp to place in our albums, but they don't think much of philatelists when they lay down the law concerning telegraph stamps in India or Ceylon.

The article by W. J. S. Rich, which appeared in the American Journal of Philately, has also been reprinted in pamphlet form, and will no doubt prove very useful to collectors of the above.

In "The Era" Mr W. C. Stone speaks of the Aguinaldo stamps and mentions 7 varieties, there being one postage, one postage and telegraph combined, two telegraph and three fiscals. They are as follows:

- 2 centavos, rose; Correos!
- 2 " " Correos y telefonos
- 1 mil. black; Impresos.
- 8 centavos, green, Certificado.
- 10 " brown; Recibos.
- 2 " violet; Telegrafos.
- 50 " blue; "

In my last article I spoke particularly of stamps of Austria, or rather some of them. And especially of the Florin values of the issues of 1857 to 1870. Moens catalogues the high values as "Gulden" instead of "Florins" as is depicted on the stamp.

The first issue of Austria was in 1850 when a set consisting of the 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 15, 30, 45 Kruzer and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16, 18 and 20 Florin were issued.

The one Kruzer was printed in orange and black; the 2 Kruzer in

carmine and black, and the balance of the set in green and black.

This the only set in which the 45 Kruzer value appears. The 1 and 2 Kruzer and all the Florin values above the 5 Florin are scarce.

All this set are found with the letters C. M. in the lower part of the circle.

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The full set of the issue of 1858 is as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 7, 10, 12, 15, 25, 30, 36, 50, 60, 72, 75 and 90 Kreuzer, and 1, 2, 2.50, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 1, 2 14, 16, 18 and 20 Florin.

With exception of the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 72 Kreuzer, and the 14, 16 and 18 Florin they are comparatively easy to get.

In 1860 the above stamps were issued on bluish paper two new values were added, the 7 and 15 Florin, and these values were omitted, these are the 14, 16 and 18 Florin.

With exception of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 72, 75 Kreuzer, and the 8, 12, and 15 Florin they are easy to get.

In 1863 all the Kreuzer values except the 1, 6, 30 and 72 were overprinted with their value in words just below the circle.

In 1870 all the values were overprinted with the date 1870 in a straight line at the bottom of the stamp.

All the above are quite common except the $\frac{1}{2}$ kreuzer and the 12 and 15 Florin.

The same designs were used in Lombardy Venice, but the difference may be found as follows: The issue of 1850 have the value expressed in Italian currency. The set consists of 5, 10, 15, 30, 50, 75 centesimi, and 1.50, 2.25, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60 lira.

The difference in the issue of 1858 is in the color; they being pink, where the Australians are green.

In 1860 the entire set were printed on pink paper, instead of blue as were the

Austrian.

The Lombardy Venice are not common.

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Since writing the foregoing items I have received another paper which has added a "Fiscal Department" to its makeup. It is the Exchange published by C. E. Cooley of Peekskill, N.Y. Its fiscal editor is John Peltz of Arlington, Minn. His remarks on the U. S. revenue stamps are very interesting reading.

It would not be surprising to see all the papers fall into line with a fiscal department for the field is as wide as it is interesting. To those who invest their cash in stamps, solely as an investment, we would call their attention to the fact, that while the prices of postage stamps (as a whole) were reduced, the prices on revenues increased very much. This year, while the prices on postage remain nearly stationary, the prices on revenues again bound upwards.

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In addition to the regular U. S. revenues, many collectors are now adding the various colonies, Hawaii, Philippines, Porto Rico, and they form a very interesting study.

There is no time like the present to collect them.

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Regarding my query concerning Tati Mr. Morley the fiscal expert writes that it is in the district of the British South Africa Co., from whom they have their concessions probably.

In addition to the 10 | —I spoke of he also has a 1 | —carmine, and 2 | 6 blue. We may safely rely on their being also a 5c denomination, judging from the values already reported.

Mr. Morley puts the date of issue at about 1897.

He also speaks of the Orange Free State stamps surcharged T. F. These are telegraph stamps, and his catalogue of the telegraph stamps of the world, describes and illustrates nearly all of them. There are 67 varieties.

This catalogue secured a bronze medal at the Paris Exposition.

Speaking of the Paris Exhibition I was pleased to see that my kind correspondent, Mr. A. Preston Pearce had also secured a medal on his fiscal collection.

Speaking in Morley's Philatelic Journal on the Paris Exhibition, Mr. Pearce has this to say.

"The show of fiscals and telegraphs was far in advance of anything seen at any previous exhibition, so that the authorities were fully justified in making the excellent provisions contained in their first prospectus.

We trust that this fact will be brought home to those philatelists in this country who have been unable to appreciate the advance made by fiscal philately.

If slow the advance has been sure, and the time has now come when we may claim a franker recognition of our position and of our work. In the future, no philatelic exhibition should be projected in this country without a regular fiscal section, and we have no hesitation in saying that it would prove a most successful department from every point of view."

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The Manhattan Philatelic Society, have devoted one of their regular meetings in December to Foreign revenues

We feel sure it will prove an interesting evening to those who have not heretofore been interested in this branch.

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Some months ago I received the following letter concerning the fiscals of the Philippines.

I sent a copy to the Publisher and have just heard that it had been mislaid. I herewith repeat it:

"United States Military Government in the Philippine Islands.

Office of Collector of Internal

Revenues.

Manila P. I. April 12th, 1900.

Mr. G. W. Pepper, 27 Sutton Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Feb. 26th, permit me to state as follows regarding fiscal stamps issued by the United States Military Government in the Philippine Islands: There are 3 classes of stamps as follows: Receipt and check stamps of denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents. Ten classes of documentary stamps, different colors, from 25c to \$20. 21 denominations of draft stamps from 5c to \$15. The receipt and documentary stamps are of different colors. But all draft stamps are of the same design and color.

Very Respectfully,

C. N. Sleeper,

1st. Lieut. 37 In'ty. U. S. V.

Collector of Internal Revenue.

All communications regarding this department should be addressed to G. W. Pepper, 15 Sutton Place, N. Y. City, N. Y.

Souvenir Cards

On another page are shown some very artistic and interesting cards from different places, a few only of a large collection that tells of foreign wanderings far more entertaining than would be the average letter.

Card No. 1 is from Paris and pictures the celebrated Alexander III. Bridge across the Seine.

No. 2. The Royal Playhouse in Berlin one of most striking buildings of that city.

No. 3. Pictures the village of Oberammergau, so celebrated for its Passion play.

No. 4. Bremen, one of the former free towns

No. 5 shows a Girl from Westphalia in her National Costume and in the background the great Kaiserdenkmal.

No. 6 takes us to Wilhelmshoehe near Cassel, a beautiful place, where Napoleon III ended his days in prison.

No. 7. From Cassel to Eisenach is only a few hours ride, and within walking distance is the Wartburg. This card calls back many pleasant memories of the times spent at the old Castle where Luther translated the Bible, and where there is still shown the spot where Luther fired the inkwell at Satan, who disturbed him at his task is a big hole in the wall, showing the bare rocks, the ink stain with the plaster being taken by the visitors, and if the guards were not careful they would also take the rocks and all.

No. 8. Here we are transposed to Strassburg, famed for its fine Cathedral, which is shown in the picture

No. 9, a Hermann Monument, erected in commemoration of the victories of the ancient Germans over the Romans nearly 1000 years ago.

No. 10 A card in memory of the 50th Anniversary of the Reign of his Majesty Emperor Franz Joseph, the beloved Ruler of Austria and Hungaria.

Space does not permit to show the other pictures belonging to this collection but they are just as interesting and even more so. They form a pleasant recollection of a Summer's Wanderings through Europe. There are cards showing old Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament with the Thames River flowing by, and the tower with Big Ben the old clock, known by that name throughout all England.

The new fad of Postal Card collecting is one of the most interesting sports that has swept across this country. Pictorial cards to young and old are most instructive, interesting and valuable and are object lessons in History and Geography. You can exchange them

with foreign collectors and soon obtain a fine collection of views, etc. It really combines three great points of interest to one. There are the cards themselves little works of art, then there are the stamps and also the postmarks of the countries from which they were sent as well as the one in which they were received.

This year so many Americans have made pleasure trips abroad to attend the Paris Exposition, or to see the sights of the European countries and as a result, thousands, yea. millions of these pretty little souvenirs came flying across the ocean to bring news to the loved ones at home.

The Sport has grown in wonderful proportions in Europe, where nearly one-hundred millions cards are sold yearly in Germany alone. The card album with its treasures of Souvenir Cards can be found in every family, and is admired as much and considered as important as the venerable family Photograph Album. There are societies of card collectors which offer their members an opportunity to correspond with members of foreign countries, and thus by exchange to gather many valuable specimens that could hardly be obtained. Souvenir cards from the U. S. are considered rare and hard to get, in spite of the fact that our mails carried about ten million cards to Europe in the past year.

Now you will observe the following Rules:

Never use cards bearing an advertisement. They are not worth collecting. Don't send New York cards from Chicago or St. Louis cards from San Francisco.

The card must always bear the postmark the place it illustrates. Don't buy any trash. Exchange or collect good cards only. Keep all your cards neat and clean. Always place the proper stamp on the card. One cent in U. S. Canada and Mexico. Two cents to foreign countries for the regular size cards. Extra size cards cost extra postage when sent abroad. It is best to inquire of the dealer or postmaster. Keep correct account of every card you send or receive and be prompt about exchange.

HINTS ON HAYTI

The "Republic" of Hayti has cause to be astonished at its own moderation in the matter of postal issues. For, if we count only the normal varieties of Haytian stamps, these will be found to number less than sixty—a small contribution as Republics go. In Hayti, however; there are numerous interesting varieties which swell the total to near upon a hundred in the "scientific" reference lists of this country's stamps. That Hayti has come to the front as an interesting "stamp country" is proved by certain Philatelic Societies.

The first issue of Hayti, or, to speak more correctly, the Haytian stamps of the first type, are now usually listed under four heads, as follows:

- 1.—The imperforate stamps, printed on colored paper. Issued 1881.
- 2.—Stamps on colored paper, perforated 13½. Issued 1882.
- 3.—Stamps on white paper, perforated 13½. Issued 1883.
- 4.—Stamps on white paper, perforated 13. Issued 1886.

As regards the last named—the stamps of 1886—there is a distinct difference to be noted in the shading of the head of Liberty, a plain shading of parallel lines being now replaced by a "cross-hatching"—i.e., a shading of crossed lines.

BEWARE OF THESE FORGERIES.

In old-time lists of the stamps of Hayti one finds varieties of this first series perforated 14, 15½ and 16. These now have to be taken, not with a grain, but with a spoonful of salt. An authority on the subject denounces the stamps of these perforations as forgeries, originally manufactured to defraud the Government of Hayti rather than the philatelic community. The stamps have disappeared from most of the recognized catalogues and that is almost proof

positive of their mala fides.

THE FIRST OF THE PROVISIONALS.

To the head of Liberty succeeded the head of a President, which is not always the same thing. In 1887 Hayti sent us stamps bearing the cheery full-face portrait of "smug, smiling Saloman," whose reign, in the place of the dethroned Liberty, was brief indeed. Belonging to the "Head of President" issue is an interesting provisional, the overprint of which was stamped athwart the President's beaming face. The surcharge is in red, and although we saw, some time ago, a reference to a specimen overprinted in black, we have never been able to get any reliable evidence of such a variety. The "deux cents" on 3c, however is to be found with a distinct double surcharge, and is probably extremely rare in this condition.

The "Palm Tree" or "Arms" type of Hayti, the next on our list, lasted from 1891 to 1898—an exceptional "run" for an issue of stamps by a small Republic. In connection with this issue, as with that bearing the head of President Saloman, there seems to have been the same difficulty in keeping a sufficient stock of 2 centimes stamps. The result was another 2c. provisional, with the overprint in red, as before. In 1893 the design was modified by a darkening of the central design of the stamps; but otherwise, the differing perforations constitute the principal point about this series of stamps. From 1891 till 1893 (when the design was slightly altered, as already stated), the perforation is believed to have been a uniform 13; but in 1893 it became 14, and, later, an uncertain something that fluctuated between 13 and 13½.

After another provisional stamp, the 2 centimes on 20c., Hayti adopted the stamps of 1898-1900, which are mostly still current; and these are such "plain sailing" that one may dismiss them from further notice. Hayti, as a country

without any great rarities, and as offering possibilities of further interesting discoveries, may be commended to the attention of the young philatelist sighing, like Alexander, for new worlds to conquer.

The Mail Service of Mexico in 1899.

Dr. Mannel de Zamacona e Incalun, the present Postmaster General of Mexico has published an interesting statistical table regarding the transactions of the officers under his control during the year 1899 from which we take the following data:

During the year there were in the country 545 principal Post Offices, 1225 agencies and 96 railway officers, a total of 1886 officers.—There were employed in the mail service 2529 employees, 990 messengers and 4437 mail carriers, a total of 7956 employees.—The extent of the Mexican mail services was:

By rail.....	11,664	Kilometers.
By steamer ..	18,577	"
By ordinary roads ...	58,605	"
Total.....	88,846	"

Dr. Zamacona also compares the receipts and number of pieces of this year with those of 20 years ago, which shows a remarkable increase in both, as seen by the following figures:

Receipts:	
1878-1879 ...	\$ 562,390.95
1898-1899.....	1,595,818.56
Increase	1,033,427.61
Pieces handled:	
1878-1879	6,592,633
1898-1899	122,617,116
Increase	116,024,483

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G. Butler of Colorado writes some of the precancelled one cent stamps sent out by the Youth's Companion from Boston show an inverted surcharge or rather cancellation. I possess a 1c-1890 stamp sent out by the same company in the same condition.

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J. Cox of N. S. reports that Canada has precancelled stamps but are all alike. They do not print the town or city names as they do in the United States. He now has 13 varieties of Canadian, sends a 1c stamp received from plate No. 5, a difference in paper as well as shade and 2c stamps in stamp books of lighter shade are only perforated on two sides.

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L. Walker of Natal reports the South African stamps in such demand, and premium is high, 100 to 200 per cent on the values and hard to get even at these prices.

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New values sent of New Zealand and Queensland, by readers there, are of finer shade than old issues.

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F. A. Kiff of Pa. sent 1c U. S. postal card used as letter rate with 3c revenue stamp on, an oddity seldom seen.

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G. H. Lennord of Cuba sends 5c stamp color black instead of green and states he has seen several there. He says there are lots in Cuba trying to dispose of old stamps with faked surcharges, etc. I would advise readers to be careful. Most writers seem to think the rate to Cuba is 2c and it costs them 6c postage due. Rate is 5c on half oz. Cuba is not yet a possession of U. S. He states that the post office at Havana ran out of Due stamps and are using regular post-

age stamps for dues and he has several. He has seen several 2 and 5c U. S. used without the surcharge in both Cuba and in Porto Rico.

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Epworth Herald has a fine article of Brightman on stamp collecting sent by Heyworth of KsSoc'y.

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E. Champion of Switzerland sends a note regarding Union postal issue after Dec. 31 not to be accepted as postage and all letters found after this date be collected as postage due.

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New Zealand is printing her stamps at home now, and the first lots are on unwatermarked paper. It is quite likely that watermarked paper will be used soon, and the unwatermarked varieties will be good stamps to have and to hold.

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The postoffice department has decided upon six special stamps for the benefit of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. The 1-cent stamp of green color will have a picture of a lake steamer to represent the great transportation industry of the inland seas in which Buffalo is so much interested. The 2-cent stamp, printed in red, will have a railway train; the 4-cent stamp, in red-brown, an automobile the 5-cent stamp in blue, a picture of the new bridge at Niagara Falls; the 8-cent stamp, in lilac, a picture of the lock at Sault Ste. Marie, and the 10-cent stamp, of light brown, an ocean steamer.

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Subscriber of Turkey writes a special issue will appear at the 25th anniversary of the enthronement of the Sultan to be in use only one day, Sept. 1st of two designs.

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At auction sale in London was a complete set of the postage stamps issued in Mafeking during the seige. These brought their owner the substantial price of \$180.00. Furthermore, notes £1, 10s.,

3s., 2s., and 1s. from the same place, and produced under the same circumstances, realized no less than \$50.00.

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If you are a young collector it will pay you to join the Phil. Sons of America, the largest and best society for young collectors. The paper alone is worth of membership besides you have the use of all the depts.

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It is stated on good authority that all the new stamps of the Dominican Republic are to be obtained imperforate as well as perforated.

NOTES.

A camera is a good investment these days; they are no longer an expensive luxury. A good one may be secured at a very low price and afford endless pleasure.

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Photography today, probably has more advocates outside the Professional, than any known profession or science. The bulb and the button are the heroes of the hour. That the future of photography is bright, there can be no doubt. The wonderful strides made by non-professional men in the last ten years gives every reason to expect still greater results in the future, and photography will owe a debt of gratitude to the amateur photographer.

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Two correspondents ask for information how to discover watermarks, a subject which, we admit, is in many instances a difficult one to define. We are of the opinion that in detecting watermarks a good deal depends upon the knowledge of the collector. It is useless to commence endeavoring to discover an indistinct watermark without some idea of the likely watermark upon the specimen in point. Consult the catalogue as to this, and then after

placing the specimen (if used, if unused should not be so treated) in water for a few seconds, lay it face downwards upon any black surface, and the watermark should appear. If this fails, procure some pure benzine, and immerse the stamp therein, when any doubt as to the watermark will quickly be removed. The latter test, however, should only be necessary in extreme cases, and has one objection, although the benzine quickly dries out, an unpleasant odor remains to the stamp.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members:—

I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me to the office of Vice President. I fully realize the responsibility attached to such a position but I have no hesitation in saying that with the help of my brother officers success is assured. We all know that the future of every society depends upon the officers who must look out for the welfare of the members, for whose benefit the society originated. With this end in view we should devise some plan which will bring our society to the front rank. This is not an impossibility and I trust we will see our way clear to do so. Our society is something out of the common as it helps the honest collector in many ways chiefly against frauds.

Now let our officers adopt some new plan whereby our society will become a bright spot in the Philatelic world.

Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me I remain yours for the S. C. P. A. of A.

E. V. CAMPION, Vice Pres.

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Dr Blakely of Winnipeg, Can., reports Zenith City Stamp Co of Minn. Sent small order last spring and wrote 3 times since.
H Lewis of Ky reports E Montgomery of Alliance, Nebr.
F K Stearns of Ia, reports J G Warren of Nashua, N H
C R Tarver, N J, reports Chas Harding, Springfield Mo, also W Stevens, Kenosha Wis and C Gadbis Columbus ave NY
F W Robinson of Ill reports can get no reply of W Ackerman, Marengo Ia or W Wood of Chattanooga, Tenn

Heard Robinson of Winnipeg, Canada, has left that place, having become benedict. Several complaints of him.

F. Johnson of N D. reports S. Glosberg Tarsy Romania, and N. Vidoich Constantinople Turkey.

Leading fraud editor of the eastern paper writes that D. P. A. of Canada is composed mainly of expelled members of other societies and parties whose reputation is such they cannot get admission elsewhere. He advises readers to steer clear of D. P. A. One of the leading dealers of Omaha over a year ago wrote that there were more frauds in D. P. A. than all other societies and our experience has been so and there seems to be no way to get at them.

For 4 cents to pay postage with every one we will notify each party reported a complaint has been made against that unless satisfactory explanation or settlement is made we will advertise them in our fraud Dept. If a satisfactory reply is received it will be forwarded to the party making complaint, if not we will publish the name at once. A great many will pay up rather than be published.

Our next number will give larger list of frauds some that readers may be surprised on.

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EDITORIAL

Collectors all over the country hail with delight the information that it has been definitely decided by the P. O. Dept. to issue the Pan American stamps as originally contemplated. The great beauty of the set as a work of art, and the exceedingly low price at which collectors will be able to obtain the set, coupled with a knowledge of the fact that no private parties will be able to successfully speculate on the issue, will make them exceedingly popular. J. Elwood Lee prices will undoubtedly not prevail for this set.

Collectors and dealers are beginning to realize that a commemorative set occasionally, under certain conditions, is not a thing to be looked upon with any degree of alarm. Instead of discouraging the philatelist struggling to fill up

blank spaces, it lends a new impetus to collecting. A genuine set of stamps, in whose issue no fraud has been perpetrated, obtained at a fair and reasonable price, is a welcome addition to any collection.

Mr. J. F. Dodge in the November Adhesive makes some sarcastic but timely remarks anent the J. Elwood Lee stamps. Mr. Dodge can hardly understand how they can let these stamps be sold at the ridiculously low margin of from 860 per cent to 7900 per cent!!! McKeels Weekly is more charitable in its remarks suggesting that the philatelic phase of the deal lies mainly in the suggestions and advise given the Drug Co., by the Stamp man. The whole business however, smacks strongly of speculation which is not wholly confined to the J. Elwood Lee Co.

A reduction in the War revenue taxes will undoubtedly be made in the near future. The Ways and Means committee will meet in a short time to consider the matter, and while they are not likely to recommend the abolition of all the war revenue taxes, it is expected that the present schedule will be considerably modified. The tax on proprietary articles has proved a source of considerable annoyance and has not yielded much revenue from a government stand point. The chances for a repeal of the tax on proprietary articles seems more favorable than for the repeal of other stamp taxes.

The highest values of the current revenues have made their appearance in Omaha with the new style of cancellation, viz three slits or cuts across the stamp. The stamps are being sold considerably under the prices asked for unmutilated specimens but there yet appears to be considerable discrepancy in the prices asked by various dealers.

McKeel's Weekly reports J. W. Scott as authority for the statement that \$2.00 Revenue of the current series has been issued. Inquiry at the Revenue office here, however failed to verify the statement, no information of such issue having been received. The \$1.00 Red which was put on sale in New York is reported to have been withdrawn and the original color again put on sale. The \$1 red will undoubtedly be a scarce stamp and will be unobtainable used in an un-mutilated condition.

Considerable space is being devoted to the "provisioal private proprietaries" of the J. Elwood Lee Co. Concerning this "issue" the Boston correspondent of McKeels Weekly says—"They consist of the regular proprietaries surcharged with the initials of the firm in a frame work, and I am unable to give any statement as to the cause of such "issue"

It would seem from the above that the correspondent is not well posted on the law concerning the cancellation of revenue stamps. Why are revenues cancelled with the initials of J. Elwood Lee classed as "provisional private proprietaries" while the same stamps, cancelled in the same manner by thousands of other firms, are passed over without notice? The fact is even mentioned that "some of the Stamps have an inverted surcharge."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow-members:—Commencing this month, our society begins taking rapid strides towards success, Philatelists both at home and abroad, recognize the neccessity and long filled want in the spreading of our organization. The dues are within the reach of all and we will publish a long list of new members next month. Our Ex. Dept. the finest feature, can supply you at surprisingly low prices. Blank books for stamps are supplied to members Free and are not sold as other societies do. As dues will be raised after Jan 1st we ask all philatelists to join us as soon as possible. In case you have some lots to offer at auction, communicate the same at once as a sale will take place soon. Our Library while not a large one, will be greatly aided by your efforts and kindly endeavor to help out Mr Vargas as much as possible After next month nominations will be received for officers and let us see how much can be accomplished before next election. Very sincerely yours,

CH. WILLARD MYERS.

NEW MEMBERS.

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COLECCIONISTAS

Mucho gusto tenemos en presentar a los filatelistas del continente occidental, nuestra nueva sociedad y en este numero del organo oficial, presentamos la lista de nuevos socios y nuestros oficiales.—La suscripcion anual para la Sociedad es 25c oro Americano. Los beneficios son: Departamentos de Canjes, Sr Naveda, director; Ventas Publicas, sr Giron, director La Biblioteca, direccion del Sr Vargas, tambien un Diploma y nota de nombramiento, el Organo Oficial, y un buena estampilla gratis, cada mes. Despues el 1 de Enero, 1901, la suscripcion sera 50c por ano, y nos invitamos los senores coleccionistas enviar sus suscripciones antes de esta fecha. Su muy atento servidor, El Secretario.

CH. WILLARD MYERS

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Members of the Kansas Philatelic Society.

As president of your society I extend to you my greeting.

The society is to be congratulated upon having successfully passed the first year of its existence and for the bright prospect it has for the future.

The Philatelic West and Camera News has been appointed official organ of the society and it will be sent monthly to each member.

The Exchange department is now in operation and big bargains are found on every circuit.

The Auction department is about ready for its first sale.

The Librarian has some good books in the library and plenty of room for any others you may send him.

Cannot each member secure at least one application before January 1st 1901. We have a large field in which to work, as Topeka, Leavenworth, Lawrence, Emporia, Salina, Abilene, Hutchinson and other large cities of our state are without a representative, if we each one do what we can we will have a large list of applications for our next report.

Wishing the society success and hoping that you will feel at liberty to write me on any matters for the best interests of the society, I am, Yours truly,

O. H. PHINNEY.

REPORT.

Fellow Members:—I desire to thank you for the honor in electing me Exchange superintendent of our society and

I now ask the hearty co-operation of one and all which is absolutely necessary to make this department a success.

By the time this notice is published I shall have this department in full running order and I trust all members will at once mail me their books.

A few rules I call to your careful attention are: that this department will be run on a strictly cash basis; all books circulated will be marked at net prices, ten per cent commission will be charged on all sales over 50c to pay the expense of mailing circulars, etc. I can furnish blank books for circulating stamps at 2½c each (space for 60 stamps) order as many books as you can use. Any suggestions from members that will benefit this department will be thankfully received. Hoping to hear from one and all I am, Yours Faithfully,

G. R. BARKER,

145 N. Emporia Ave, Wichita, Kan.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Fellow Members of Our State Society:—Having been re-elected to the office of Librarian I desire to thank one and all for what has been done for my department in the past, and will certainly endeavor to make the library of especial interest to all in the future.

Hoping that this year will see a marked improvement in every department of the society, and, assuring you that I shall appreciate any assistance rendered by the members to the library, I am,

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. W. MYERS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In entering on a new year's labors the secretary wishes to thank the members for their support during the year that is past, also for his re-election and will try to serve the society to the best of his ability. At the convention Mr. Thompson handed in the name of three new members, Mr. Roy Greene also sent in his application. The trustees have met and admitted these new members.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

22—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kansas.

23—Thompson, Eldorado, Kan.

24—Everett A Palmer, El Dorado, Ks

25—W Kent Conley " "

We are glad to welcome these new members and hope the members will all carry out the suggestion of the convention that every member try and send in one or more names during the coming year.

As we have taken up considerable space in a report of the convention, will defer the treasurers report until next month. F. A. LILLY, Sec.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE KANSAS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The second annual convention of the Kas. Philatelic society was held in the elegant parlor of the Mercantile club, of Kansas City, Kansas, on Tuesday, Oct., 2nd and was called to order about 11 a m by President Joseph B. Henderson assisted by Ex-Vice Pres. O. H. Phinney. The secretary was also present and A. D. Grant was present as a visitor. Eight members were present, including Messers Henderson of Columbus, Phinney and W. C. A. Grant of Kansas City, Kans., Kelley and Bescher of Kansas City, Mo, G. R. Barker of Wichita, Thompson of Eldorado and Lilly, of Sabetha. The chairman appointed committees on credentials, library, and sales and purchasing department, by laws and auditing committee. The committee on credentials soon made their report, showing that seventeen ballots had been received and the following had been elected by 17 votes except the secretary who received 16, having voted for Hayworth of that office. Another ballot received later made 18 votes out of a membership of 21. The following officers are declared elected for the ensuing year:—O. H. Phinney, president; F. R. Hayworth of Wichita, vice president; F. A. Lilly, of Sabetha, secretary and treasurer, C. W. Myers of

Wichita, librarian, G. R. Barker of Wichita, exchange superintendent, R. L. Thompson of Eldorado, auction manager, W C A Grant counterfeit detector, F R Hayworth, G R Barker and F J Ford of Wichita, trustees and Grant's Monthly Philatelist, official organ. Five proxies were held by G R Barker, 2 by O H Phinney and 1 by R L Thompson. After the reading of a telegram from the absent Wichita members and letters of regret from L T Brodstone and Roy F Greene the members adjourned to the home of the new president and partook of a bounteous lunch as also a flow of wit and wisdom from all present.

The second session was called to order at 2.30 p. m. The secretary read a report showing 21 paid up members and hopes of more soon, as treasurer he reported \$4.00 in the treasury. Ex-Superintendent O. H. Phinney, made a short report of his labors during the year, as did Mr. Grant as counterfeit director—the latter had nothing to do.


Committee on library made report through Mr. Bescher, who also read a very generous letter from Mr. Brodstone making liberal offers to members.

The secretary was instructed to make all dues end with the year and accept fractional part of year now.

Mr. Bescher made report on by laws and constitutions and recommended abolition of article stating only members residing in Kansas shall hold office, but no such article was found in constitution. Also it was voted the charges of official organ of \$1 per page be changed, and trustees ordered to make rates with any paper for the best interests of the society. A vote of thanks was given the Mercantile club for the use of their room for this meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet at call of the president some time next year.

FOSTER A. LILLY, Secretary.

 A S Forbes, Los Angeles Cal—I have had several replies to my ad as far off as Spain



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY. 222

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Lincoln, Nebr.,

Fellow members of the N. P. S.—I wish to thank the society as a whole and the members who were present at the convention in particular for the honor they conferred upon me in re-electing me vice president of the Banner State Philatelic society of the country. No one could be more interested in the welfare of the society than I am and I hope to see the greatest growth in membership during the coming year that the society has ever known.

As Bro. Estes has reasonably good health and so far as I can learn shows no signs of emigrating to any foreign shore, I am hoping that the duties of president will not fall upon me again during the coming year.

I understand that I have been criticised more or less from various quarters for calling the convention at Lincoln and I want to say in justification that my foremost purpose has been accomplished and the interests of Philately in this city have been greatly advanced by that meeting Lincoln has been very nearly dead for several years (philatelically speaking) and this convention has brought about a resurrection to such an extent that a local philatelic society is now in progress of organization. We had a rousing meeting at the Windsor hotel Friday evening at which there were present a large number of young

collectors who are members of no society. The writer was elected temporary chairman, J S McNay, temporary secretary and W D Garlock temporary treasurer and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The meeting was adjourned to meet next Thursday evening when a permanent organization will be effected. The Y. M. C. A. of this city is now in a process of reconstruction and as soon as they are settled they have promised us a room with them in which to hold our meetings. The invitation is general to Lincoln philatelists to join.

Respectfully, F. A. Stanbro.

Fellow members of the N P S:—The Exchange dept is not progressing as well as we would like for it to. A number of books for the circuit have been received but the demand is increasing every day so order your books and get your duplicate on the circuit. We want to make the exchange department a success but must have the aid of the members to do it. Your books cost you a letter and return postage which is a trifle.

Remember we wish the co-operation of every member in order to make the department a success. Are you one of those members?

We want at least 75 books on hand for circuit work and we can have them too if you do your duty. Let us hear from all members. Books free for postage. Fraternally, I. S. Betzer,

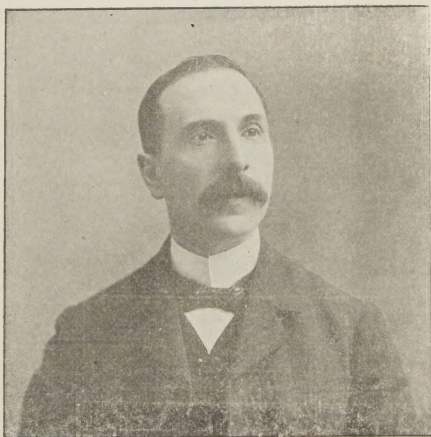
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Members of N P S:—I desire to thank you for the honor cast on me by electing me librarian and I will try and perform my duties faithfully Received of former librarian about 1400 papers. Received the following from F. P. Phillips: Star monthly vols 7, 11, 6, nos 4, 2 June 1900; Monarch, 1, 2; Youth Realm October 1900, Young Photographer 1, 5; N Y Philatelist 8, 2; Phil Bulletin 23, 12; Canada Phil Mag. 5, 1. All members and publishers

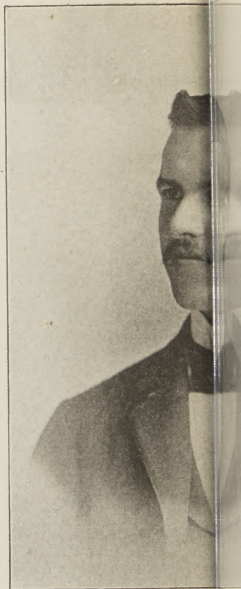


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CHAS. BEAMISH, Ex-Secretary



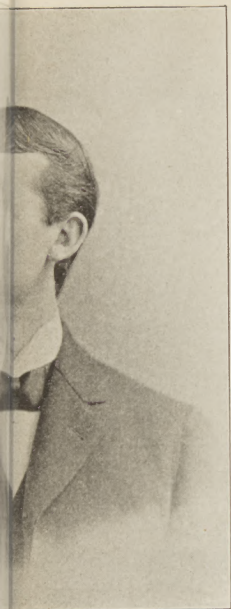
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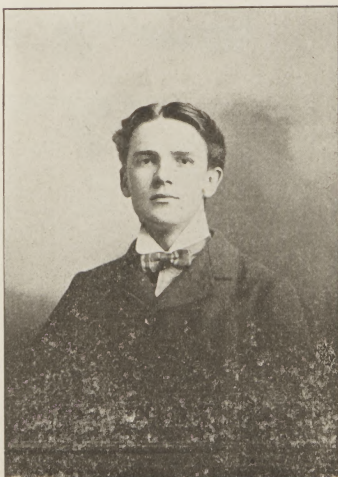
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San Diego, Cal.



CAMILLE COOLS, Detroit, Mich.



C. W. MYERS, Vice Pres. Kas. P.S. of A., Wichita



BRONX FALLS, N. Y.



EARLY FALL DAY IN NEBRASKA.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

please send me papers so as to increase the library. Resp't, Frank T Phillips.

Renewals—E Wilkinson, Omaha 14 and Vinton st, F G Phillips, Lincoln 1645 M st, D Doolittle, Fremont, bx 544 H T Parker, Lincoln, 1700 P st, I S Betzer, David City bx 187, G Kerhuke, Plattsmouth bx 1217, A B Whitmer, Tecumseh.

New Members:—S Morteson, 216 N 16 st Omaha, A Hedwall 4511 Franklin st, H Wallace, Avoca.

Applications:—J P Lindberg Omaha 20 and Ames Ref J Negren, W T Kelly Franklin postmaster, L Brodstone, F E McCall, Rokeby, F W Stoney, 516 N 16 st Lincoln.

Have you tried the exchange and other depts. They will surely pay you. Wish names of any active collectors you know, can use more new members.

Nebraska Camera Club.

FOUNDED JANUARY 1898.

Wishes everyone in Nebraska having a camera to join. Send your name with 15c, it gives you full membership and use of all its privileges, paper which inserts your notices free of charge, where you can secure prints from all parts of the world. Cut out blank printed elsewhere and send to the secretary. Membership free to subscribers in Nebraska.

President—Miss L P Tillotson, Omaha, 843 Park Ave.

Vice-pres G R Boomer, Beatrice.

Secretary—L T Brodstone, Superior
Purchasing Agent—D E DePutron, Lincoln.

New Members—285 C Foster Omaha 424 s 20 st Cyclone camera.

286 W H Searle, Verdigre

287 C Bisbee, Newcastle, no 22 Cyclone camera, western scenes, cyclone views, etc.

288 J W Latimer, Beaver Crossing, Bullard camera, exchange prints, western scenery.

289 Paul Albright, David City, Manhattan camera, western views, etc.

290 J A Anderson Loomis.

Applications—291 E W Bennison, David City.

292 W S Rothery Omaha city views.

293 E Koeuke Plattsmouth.

294 B Palmer, Bradshaw western views

295 C Hargraves, Lincoln 1729 M st

296 G O Zeigler, York, Carlton cam.
297 N Hick, Superior Cyclone camera
298 Bob Dempster, Omaha dealer.

299 W F Moore, Beatrice, 220 LaSalle
300 Geo F McCoy, Superior, Cyclone camera, Mich and Western views.

301 W T Kelly, Franklin, dealer.

302 B F Burch, Wymore.

Errata

Seldom do you see a large number without some errors. Following few in this number:

In Revenue Dept., word Australians should be Austria.

Ad of Sheldon of NY heading: "My Effort," on first stamps should be block letter instead black; last stamp should be 18 on 10 instead of 19 on 10.

Bank of Verdigrée, Neb., is chainless wheel, got from factory at cost \$75 all for \$40 with tennis set etc.

Ad of Taylor of Cleveland, should be in 8th item foreign revenues.

Cook of Colo. X notice same as ad side of it.

T L Elder, Pa., coin ad should have "classified" before Roman coins.

C K Reed of Mass., ad should read Worcester.

C Biles of Mo., ad of 20 different Mexicans should be 25c instead \$1.

C Beamish of Pa., 90c State is unused India set used.

(SECRETARY'S ADDRESS—Curio Collectors.

mind, honest in purpose and generous to one another.

Mr. Brodstone suggested that we hold a convention next year at Buffalo, N. Y., at about the time the Philatelic societies have their annual conventions. This suggestion meets with my approval what have you to say?

I hope to have a larger list for next month and it can be accomplished with your help. Do your duty to yourself and all honest collectors.

Treasury report will appear in next number.

Yours for success,
Allen Jesse Reynolds, Sec'y.,
Connersville, Ind.

P. S. Application blanks and further information can be had of the president and myself. A. J. R.

REVENUE STAMPS OF MEXICO

COMPILED AND CORRECTED TO DATE.

PART III.

The 1st and 2nd of this work appear in Nos 2 and 3 Vol X Phil West Oct. '99. They were lost from the desk of the author and appeared under a pseudonym. The author Jorle Azcarate Griggs at present secretary of Leut. Governor of Lower California, Mexico, who is his uncle.

ERRATAS ON LAST CHAPTER.

ISSUE OF 1896 & 7.

Perforated 10 25½x21 mm. Woman's head in shield Mexican eagle above, date 1896—1897.

1c brown	2c blue
5c orange	10c red
25c green	50c red
\$1.00 blue	\$5.00 gray

ISSUE OF 1897-98.

Perforated "rough" 25½x21 mm. Mexican eagle in circle. Date, Mexico beneath then numeral in corners.

1c Orange	2c red
5c brown	10c blue
25c olive	50c green
\$1.00 red	\$5.00 blue

ISSUE OF 1898-1899.

Perforated 12 25½x21 mm. Astec Sun calendar "Mexico" printed diagonally across on right hand lower corner mineral. 1898-1899.

01c pale brown	25c blue
02c ultramarine	50c red
05c orange	\$1.00 violet
10c(error)blk bn	\$5.00 brown
10c chocolate bn	\$10.00 black

ISSUE 1899-00

Perforated 11½ 25x21 mm. Goddess of Liberty with tablet of the law in center circle around same: Tim Bie 1899-1900 numeral below.

1c green	2c orange
5c ultramarine	10c brown
25c bn chocolate	50c Prussian blue
\$1.00 red	\$5.00 blue

\$10.00 red

ISSUE OF 1900-01

Perforated "New Century stamp" see part V. Matias Romero late sec'y of treasury in center with laurel and oak wreaths, eagle above, numerals below.

1c chocolate bn	2 ultramarine
5c green	10 vermilion
25c Prussian blue	50 black
\$1.00 emerald or greenish blue	\$5.00 cirise or bright red
\$10. brown. This last issue is described in part V.	

MEXICAN REVENUE STAMPS.

PART V.

The first as already stated was in 1874 consisting of several classifications and kept on increasing until January 29, 1885 when it reached its zenith or maximum such as: Renta Interior, Especial de Adnanos; Documentos Contribucion Federal Merchandise, etc [each of which I will describe.]

What United States of America had done in 1865 we here in Mexico were doing just "Twenty Years After." In other words it was the epoch of the "Apoteosis of the Revenue Stamp" but its day had come to revolutionize this era, it came as in the far east the Typhoon or in the far west the cyclone, a poet would call it "as the wolf comes down on the fold" or a Yankee "got hit into a cocked hat."

On April 25, 1893 Presidente Porfirio Diaz in his message says: "Whereas on account of the numerous dispositions relative to the Stamp act, etc., etc., has brought an inevitable consequence a simultaneous issues of stamps which not only brings trouble and vexation to the tax payer but also to cause a great frequency of mistakes by affixing stamps different to the document that they wish to legitimize: whereas by so doing they do not defraud the exchequer or treasury, nevertheless they

commit irregularities punished by the law, etc., etc., by these strong reasons to modify the actual system, henceforth there must be but one kind of stamps.

So thanks to Diaz wise administration with help of Matios Romero; there were then only one so called issue "comunnes" or common stamp. But in reality there were three different classes 1st the common stamp [No 170] documentos. 2nd the common stamp with "talon" or lable [No 431] Renta Interior. 3 Contribution Federal [580] but not for public use only for government.


The 1st class of stamps were for any document but if the document was needed in duplicate one would use No 2 affixing the stamp proper on one and the lable on the other.

If a bank check the stamp on the check and the lable on the stub, etc., They looked just like Belgium Sunday stamps issue of 1893. Such was the state of Revenue stamp history of Mexico until 1st day of July 1900 [beginning of the Fiscal year.] The New Century stamp appeared, described under No. 250. Get no 7 above No 2 here.

It is the ideal or agglomeration of the Fiscal stamps. It is the "comunne" stamp and comune with talon or lable and contribution Federal Stamp, the same picture on all: the realization of the dream, and crowning of same by its author.

Hon. Matias Romero Secy of the treasury of Mexico and first ambassador to the United States an honor and laurels he never enjoyed as death took him to an untimely grave.

Next number complete issue '87 to '93. Correct list of the Renta Interior and federal stamps of Mexico and issues 787 to 93.

 T L Hayward, Alamosa, Colo—I am favorably impressed with West and will give it a trial

The American Society of Curio Collectors

(Organized November 1st, 1900.)

Pres, Pro Tem—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Secy, Pro Tem—Allen Jesse Reynolds, Connersville, Ind.

ALL GENERAL COLLECTORS INVITED TO JOIN! Initiation fee, 10c; Annual dues, 25c.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The child is born and we have christened it The American Society of Curio Collectors. Those of the West's readers who have read each month the Curio Department are familiar with the project of organizing a general collector's society to embrace everything save stamps. We have left this branch of collecting out because there is a well grounded belief that there are enough philatelic societies already in existence and as they cover but one subject, that of philately they can be of more good to the stamp collector than a general society such as ours could be.

The society is now organized, and as we said before, it embraces all branches of collecting save the very frivolous and puerile, like buttons, tin-tags and such. There is no science or study in these and we intend our society to be composed of studious collectors.

The American Society of Curio Collectors will be much like the Agassiz Society save that in addition to natural history students those who collect autographs, coins, war relics, and a number of other branches are eligible to membership. Mineralogists, botanists, geologists, archaeologists, numismatists, oologists, ornithologists, zoologists, conchologists, and entomologists are especially invited to join the new society.

The dues have been made low, so very low in fact that no collector, no matter how little money he has or cares to invest in his collecting life, can afford not to join. We expect a large membership, consequently the dues may be small and the benefits still be large.

The society besides using several pages

of the West each month for official reports and valuable notes of guidance and interest to collectors, will in addition issue from time to time a bulletin for circulation among members only which will be worth dollars to a collector, in any of the branches mentioned above, where it costs him cents. A badge or button of a design to be agreed upon, will be prepared for member's wear and many essentials not yet worked out will be ready for announcement soon. Mr. Reynolds and I have agreed to act as secretary and president pro tem, merely for the purpose of organization. A general election participated in by all members will be held. The secretary may be addressed for further particulars.

ROY F GREENE.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

- 1 Roy Farrell Greene Ark City Ks Ind rels, sea shells and minls
- 2 Allen Jesse Reynolds 24 Connersville Ind, paper money coins medals autos Ind rels
- 3 R Dana Goss 57 New Sharon Ia, Ind rels minerals, fossils shells
- 4 W Henry 15 431 N6th st Connersville Ind, geological spec Ind rels shells and stamps
- 5 Rev SE Davis 40 Aurora Ind, Ind rels coins especially former
- 6 John F Wagner 19 Laurel Ind, bird nests eggs
- 7 LT Brodstone Superior Neb, unmtd photos stamps covers souv cards
- 8 Geo W Turner, 42 Lawrenceburg Ind, Ind rel geolo spec, curo stps
- 9 B F Thieband 46 Connersville Ind, Ind rel geo spec shells etc
- 10 Brooke Salyers 20 Connersville Ind, geo spec shells
- 11 Fred H Andrus Elkton Ore, shells, eggs stps
- 12 Miss Alice Phillips Seiad Cal, pressed flower and curios
- 13 Jno B Halliman 227 Scott St Bowling Green Ky, Ind rel stamps
- 14 G W DuBoise Lisbon Ga, autographs minls
- 15 Basil G Hamilton 31 Winnipeg Manitoba Can coins stamps curios
- 16 Jno J Price 1322 7 st Des Moines Ia, coins stps rel shells minls etc
- 17 C Unger 20 Pottsville Pa minls fossils shells Ind rel eggs, etc
- 18 C W Baker 63 Graniteville, S C, stps coins Ind rel
- 19 J F Powell 62 Waukegan Ill, sea shells and sea curios.
- 20 Harry Elkins 17 bx 151, Connersville Ind, geolo spec shells Ind rel
- 21 Rev E C Mitchell 64 534 Summit Ave, St Paul Min Ind rel copper rel extra long spears knives found anywhere. Shells sea curios, etc
- 22 Chas Obrecht 12 Greensburg, Ind, Ind rel coins stamps sea curios shells
- 23 John B Newton M D 30 Unionville Conn, eggs in sets U S stamps
- 24 Chas K Muchmore Laurel Ind ornithology.
- 25 Frank A Cox 35 Nunda Ill geolo spec shells relics butterflies birds etc
- 26 C M Slayton 65 Grattan Mich minls war and Ind rel shells sea curios
- 27 Dr W O Emery 37 Crawfordsville Ind, prehistoric Ind rel

FRAUDS AND DOUBTFULS.

DOUBTFUL:—Examine or have examined by an expert, all Indian relics obtained from the following parties:

J T Overstreet, Elmwood, Tenn., Chas R. Heston, war points, Sidney, Ohio, L F M Nicholson, Salem, Ind., E J Noell, Va.

FRAUDS:—The following parties are known to handle counterfeit relics: G W and J H Robinett, Flag Pond, Va., Mrs J W Robinett, Democrat, Lee-co, Va., D Levering Mo., E W Anderson, Summitsville, Tenn.

Wm. Perry, Wakefield, R. I., Wm. Perry Arnold, Peacedale, R. I., and W P Arnold, Stonnington, Conn. The three are one—he is not charged with counterfeiting Indian relics; but with being totally unreliable and irresponsible. We advise those having dealings with him to pay for nothing until the desired articles have been received and satisfactorily inspected." (American Archaeologist.)

Allen Jesse Reynolds, Sec.

BROTHER COLLECTORS:

I take great pleasure in reporting the above list of members. It should be remembered that the society has had no advertising. The November number of this paper merely hinted at the organization of the society and this is the first announcement to the public (through any paper) that there is such an organization as the American Society of Curio Collectors.

The A. S. of C. C. was organized to fill a long felt want and with the aid of all classes of collectors we can make it a grand success. It has the field to work alone. Of course there are societies for the Philatelist, Oologist, Numismatist, and so on, but heretofore there has been no general collectors society in this country.

Honest collectors of everything that is collectable are invited to join. We need to be united for mutual protection and for many other reasons known to active collectors. There are many frauds doing a rushing business and it will be the duty of each member to expose all dishonest collectors and dealers. If you have been defrauded by any one please send me full particulars.

Let each member take pleasure and pride in getting as many new members as possible. I am devoting all my spare time to the advancement of the society and expect your assistance. Each should try his best to make the society a body of collectors elevated in

(See under "Errata.")

Our Illustrations

DON FELIPE NAVEDA. — That philately has more significance than the mere collecting of postage stamps has been demonstrated many times but the most pleasant feature to be gained is the acquiring of friends in other parts of the world, and through months of pleasurable correspondence as one writer says, one grows to feel that the distant writer had indeed been ever a near and dear friend and though in life may not meet, this very fact serves to foster these sentiments.

So it is with my friend Don Felipe Naveda of Toluca, Mexico, whom I have the pleasure to introduce to the many readers of the "West."

Don Felipe Naveda was born in Mexico City the capitol, on January 11, 1768. After a liberal education in that metropolis, he took up the study of descriptive geography and physics retiring to the city of Toluca to finish, and make researches in the Toluca mountains. He had been there but a short time when at the age of 20 he was chosen to enter the honorable position of Registro Publica for the District of Toluca, an office somewhat corresponding to our recorders.

For over ten years he has been in this office and through his kindness I have been the recipient of many valuable philatelic tokens and Mexican relics.

Senor Naveda's collection numbers over 3000 varieties which he has been collecting since 1892, and is especially rich in early Mexican issues. His specialties are United States, English Colonies, Japan and China of which he has a nice selection. He is always obliging and generous in his exchanges with foreign collectors and does considerable exchanging. He is a mem-

ber of several philatelic societies and holds the office of exchange superintendent in the Spanish American Philatelic society.

Don Felipe Naveda, is an excellent representative of our progressive sister republic, a man imbued with the liberal ideas of Hidalgo and Juarez and these noble traits coupled with his integrity and generous nature, have won him many friends in the realm of philately. CHAS. WILLARD MYERS.

R. V. MCGREW, of Bloomington, Neb., is cashier of Naponee State bank has lived in Nebraska the last 12 years, always interested in philately and camera. Graduate of high school and studying law. Republican in politics and is a member of firm of Camera Co., of his city, having best equipped outfit for amateurs in the county.

CAMILLE COOLS, Detroit, Mich., was born in Belgium in '74; began collecting at age of 8 years and has been an ardent lover of the hobby ever since. In '89 he moved to the United States and became a general collector. He is engaged in grocery business and is a professional musician and assistant leader of East Detroit band. Has lately taken up camera and is one of the officers of camera club we are organizing. Is very popular with all who know him and has a large number of friends in Europe and United States.

CHARLES E. DUDDING. Born in Circleville, Indiana in 1871. Began collecting stamps in Oxford, Ind., in 1890. Dealer in 1894. Did considerable advertising, published small paper devoted to advertising generally and stamp notes, in 1895. Succeeding in getting quite a large collection of stamps and postal cards, Associate Editor of paper in '98. Immersed into the printing business in '98. Came south two

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years ago and purchased one of the largest printing and publishing plants in the south. Now located at Memphis, Tenn., Assistant Foreman, H. M. Pitcher & Co's., printing plant, which is second to largest in the city. Member union No. 18. Has small collection of stamps yet.

CHAS. WILLARD MYERS. Although he is a comparatively young man he is well known in Philatelic circles as founder, and sec-treasurer of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, and as librarian of the Kansas Philatelic Society, of which he is a charter member. V. Pres. Ks for P. S. of A.

Mr. Myers at one time was a reporter of the Wichita papers, and, until recently, was connected, at different times, with two opera companies. He is a good linguist, being familiar with four languages. In addition he is an able pianist.

Until recently, he was publisher of the Western Philatelic News, the largest and brightest Spanish and French edition of a philatelic paper published; next he edited the International Philatelist (El Filatelista International) from both of which he has retired.

He is a member of the P. S. of A., and, in amateur circles, of the Stamp Collectors' club, Good Time Social and Corresponding Club of Kansas City, and the Star Stamp Collectors' Club, of which last he is president. Mr. Myers commenced stamp collecting several years ago, and has always been one of our most enthusiastic collectors. He has made a number of converts to philately, and we hope will continue the good work.

Mr. Myers is at present employed in the counting room of the Aylesbury Mer Co.; of Wichita, and is, therefore in close touch with all that pertains to an active business life. He is well

known in society, has a large circle of friends, and is altogether, an estimable young man, in every respect worthy of the success that will one day be his. WILL A. SPALTON.

T. O. Young, New Haven, N. Y. was born in Clyde, N. Y., April 29, 1867 and is therefore 33 years of age. He began as a general collector of stamps, coins, Indian relics; and curiosities in 1887 at North Scriba, N. Y., and has been an active collector ever since. In 1894 he sold his coin and stamp collections and has since collected only U. S. stamps of which he has one of the finest collections in his section. He has also the finest collections of Indian relics to be found in his county.

Mr. Young has been a school teacher since 17 years of age until 1896 when he was elected school commissioner for the First Commissioner District of Oswego county. He was re-elected in 1899 to the same office which he now fills. He is an active member of the Odd Fellows and also the Foresters, having been treasurer of the latter order for the past five years.

Mr. Young entered the printing business and retail bicycle trade in 1897 in both of which he is now actively engaged. He is a staunch republican, being county Committeeman from his town for the past three years and has been 'stumping it' for the G. O. P. during the recent campaign. He hopes to meet many of the boys at Buffalo in August 1901.

CHARLES BEAMISH, ex-secretary of P. S. of A., the subject of our sketch this month, is in his 30th year and was born in the City of Brotherly Love. His first interest in stamps was drawn from a few common varieties given him in the fall of 1883 and since then he has been actively engaged in stamp collecting his specialty consisting of U. S. and British colon-

ials of which he has nearly 3000 varieties alone. Actively engaged in the manufacturing business. Mr. B has had little time to dabble in philatelic politics but in the summer of 1896 allowed his name to come forward as a candidate to the office of secretary of the P. S. of A. only those who have studied of such a position can truly estimate the difficulties to be met with but Mr. Beamish had the satisfaction of bringing the rival factions together through his efforts thus making better union for the members at large. Mr. Bramish has devoted his evenings and spare time to dealing in stamps of which he has accumulated a large stock. One of his purchases alone involved a cash outlay of \$1600 so our readers can judge the quality of stamps in stock. He is also active in church work being a member of Calvary Episcopal church of Germantown, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew and other organizations.

Those who have met Mr. B. at philatelic conventions can agree with me as to the sterling good qualities of Mr. B.

MR. W. G. L. PAXMAN. was born in 1859 in Quebec, Canada and educated there. In 1865 he entered his father's general merchandise establishment as assistant, and in 1881, on the retirement of his father, succeeded to the business and carried it on until 1884, when he sold out to another having been called to a responsible position in the government service, which he has held continuously since.

He has filled other public offices also, amongst which the secretary-treasurership of schools since 1890. An ardent stamp collector since boyhood he has some specimens worth seeing. He is a member of the A. P. A., vice pres for Canada of the P. S. of A., etc. He is also publisher of the Canada Stamp sheet. Although a very busy man he was induced some years since to take

the managership of the Canada Stamp Company, Quebec.

MR. CHANDLEE is a new advertiser in our columns and handles specialties in old U. S., old revenues, C. S. A. stamps and paper money. Was born in Baltimore in 1865 but came south in '95 for his health. C. E. is an enthusiast in photography his fort being character and art work—having taken a course in art at the art institute Chicago.

At Athene, Ga., in '96 he caught a glimpse of confed stamps and money in a display window and has been a collector since that date and a dealer since '98.

The Michigan Camera Art Association.

ORGANIZED NOV. 1, 1900.

OFFICERS:

President—Sidney Billett; 198 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich

Vice-President—Camille Cools, 26 Walnut St, Detroit, Mich

Secretary—Constant Laetham, 198 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich

Treasurer—Felix Van Collie, 198 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich

Exchange Supt—Paul DeRonne, 371 Baldwin ave, Detroit, Mich

Librarian—Sidney Billett.

Trustees—Jos Diehl, 335 Townsend ave, Remi Cools, 26 Walnut st, B S Summers, 62-64 Congress st, East, Detroit, Mich

Art Reviewers—Miss Julia Cools, 26 Walnut st, Camille Cools, 26 Walnut st, H W Boers, 389 Maple st, Sidney Billett, Detroit, Mich

Purchasing Agt—Camille Cools

NEW MEMBERS:

Henry Hendricks, 33 Bates st, Jules Cools, 26 Walnut st, Miss Julia DeRonne, 371 Baldwin ave, Miss Martha DeRonne, 371 Baldwin ave, Dr Carl F Muenz, 336 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich

This society is formed for encouraging amateurs photographers to inform each other and exchange prints.

This is the only state amateurs club in Michigan. We want everyone who owns a camera to join us. The cost will be 25c a year, which will give you full membership to the M. C. A. A. No initiation fee, every member will also receive the official organ, the Philatelic West and Camera News free.

Every member has the privilege to have one 25 word article in the exchange column of the M. C. A. A.

It has been decided at the last meeting that we will have a convention and exhibition next summer in Detroit.

Applications for membership should be sent to the secretary,



Photographs for Greeting Cards.

The photographer who possesses a considerable number of prints naturally is anxious to utilize them in as many ways as possible, and at this time of year they may be usefully employed for conveying the compliments of the season to friends and acquaintances, or on such anniversaries as birthdays, etc. The stereotyped card for such purposes is thus avoided, and scope is given for any artistic power which the photographer may possess, so that he may produce a card which has not only the merit of novelty, but is effective and out of the common. If the worker desires the minimum of trouble, he can procure some of the "slip-in" mounts, which are specially prepared in various sizes, with appropriate greetings stamped upon them, or he may get such cards upon which can be mounted any prints he may have made. But if he desires to produce something which is more entirely his own, he can print on matt paper, on bromide, buena or platinotype masking out a margin round the negative by a border of black paper placed on the glass side of same, or using an oval or round mask such as is sold for the purpose, and which is laid on the negative before the printing paper is placed thereon. The "greeting" may then be added at the top or foot, by hand, or a printer would print a few dozen such photos for a small sum. Bromide cards, which can now be easily obtained, give the photographer the requisite thickness of substance of unmounted photographs. To anyone who is able to draw, as well as photograph, a chance presents itself of making a most effective card. The

landscape, seascape, portrait or flower subject can be mounted on white card, and surrounded with a decorative border drawn in pen and ink (a good waterproof Indian ink being the best to employ for this purpose), and such design and photograph, with greeting drawn in fancy characters in a suitable position, and of a size to allow for any reduction of the whole design, can then be copied in the camera, and from the negative so obtained any number of cards may be printed. Two or three photographs can be included in such a design if desired.

A favorite card of recent years has been that on which, in addition to the message the card conveys, the portrait of the sender is included. Such portraits are usually bromide prints of a small size, and an amateur who desires to make a supply of same can do so by the following method: Having obtained as many good silver prints of the portrait he wishes to reduce as possible, he fastens them to a drawing-board, and proceeds to copy them down to the size he requires, which, of course will be governed by the space on the card on which he desires to mount them, and, having made a negative containing, say, half a dozen or a dozen small portraits, he can print from the same in any process he pleases, and then cut out the portraits separately. Of course if only one portrait is available to copy from; only one small print can be made and the printing process will be a lengthy one, if a large number are wanted. It should be born in mind that the small prints made in this way must not be from "copyright" photos, unless the permission of the owner of the copyright has been obtained.

A series of three, four or six photographs, may be mounted on cards, leaving a space at the left-hand side, and then the whole bound together by running colored ribbon through holes in the cards. These suggestions do not by any means exhaust the possible use of photographs for such purposes as those to which I have alluded, but they may form the basis on which readers may work out other and more elaborate designs.

DEVELOPING AFTER FIXING.

If you over-expose an ordinary photographic dry plate, take it into your dark room and there immerse it in the hypo bath, wash well and dry, you can then develop it according to the following formula and obtain a perfect negative.

The solution is composed of the following chemicals and keeps perfectly well:—

Sulpho cyanide Ammonium	24 grammes.
Nitrate of Silver.....	4 "
Sulphite Soda.....	24 "
Hyposulphite of Soda.....	5 "
Bromide of Potassium.....	0 gr. 50.
Distilled Water.	100 c. c.

To develop, take of above six parts, of water 54 parts, and rodinal 2 parts. As soon as you add the water to the stock solution a white precipitate forms, which can be got rid of by filtering.

The actual process of developing takes about 12 hours, when on examination the negative will appear quite white, it must then be put through the ordinary bath of mercury intensifier, when you will note the gradually darkening of the negative and then slowly goes back to white; when quite back to its original color it requires washing thoroughly, and then pass through a bath of Sulphite Soda, when the operation is finished.

The above method is capable of rendering great service to travellers, etc. as the same evening the impressions have been made the plate can be fixed and no further danger of fog or deterioration need be apprehended. Anyone who has been through tropical countries well knows that plates, however well they may be packed and taken care of, the damp will slowly but surely ruin them.

Only at a recent meeting of the Photographic Society of N. S. W. the chairman communicated to the meeting that

a friend of his, a German scientist sent out to Samoa by his government, had treated all his exposure by the above method.

Developer for

Flash-Light Explosives.

The following developer may be used with advantage:—

Water	- - - -	10 oz.
Metol	- - - -	75 gr.

When dissolved, add—

Sodium sulphite	- -	840 gr.
Sodium carbonate	- -	600 gr.
Potassium bromide	- -	5 gr.
Hypo	- - - -	25 gr.

For snapshots (under-exposed) dilute 1 part with 5 to 10 parts of water, and allow plenty of time for really slow development. This may also be used for normal exposures by diluting 1 part with 2 parts of water.

NOTES.

Rain or shine, stick to stamp collecting. Don't give up the pastime and it will never disappoint you.

All classes of people collect stamps. It is not a past time of a privileged few. The boy with his collection of five hundred of the commoner varieties gets as much enjoyment from collecting as the man with his thousands of varieties, and rare and valuable specimens. That is the beauty of the pastime.

In the Philatelic Inter Ocean a standing feature is the directory of philatelic papers in the English language. The editor in a reply to Mr. Dalton's article on Philatelic Literature takes a favorable view of our papers, saying there is never so poor a one that one could not learn something from it. I think I have seen some exceptions.

J. Phillips, Lincoln, Nebr.—Well pleased with ad and enclose larger one for next number.

H. Hirsch, Ama, La.—I get many returns from ad and think West greatest paper of its kind in America.

Never attempt landscapes on windy or misty days.

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Under exposure is the unpardonable sin of photography, because it is irredeemable.

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Aim at good pictures rather than quick ones.

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There is more certainty in working a slow than a quick process.

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Learn one process thoroughly, so as to be able to depend on it; then, and not till then, amuse and instruct yourself by practising others.

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Use plenty of water everywhere; hypo left in your negatives will cause them to star; hypo left in your prints will cause them to fade.

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You can make a white sky in the picture by covering the sky in the negative with a piece of post-office paper cut to follow the exact outlines of the horizon and the objects which show above it.

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The late Baron F. de Rothschild's hobby was photography—also a favorite with other members of the Rothschild family. His yacht, new only a year or so ago, was perfectly fitted up with a dark-room and appliances for indulgence of the hobby.

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The curious fact has been noticed that in hundreds of photographs of athletes, taken at the instant of victory, only one shows a pleasant expression.

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Some photographic dry plates have been tried after keeping 15 years. The sensitiveness was considerably lessened,

but the plates were still useful, except those which had been packed in contact with paper. The latter were hopelessly fogged.

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In securing photographs for half-tone engravings, remember the finest results can be obtained from brown toned burnished pictures. It is difficult to make perfect work from the mat finish or gray photographs, and tintypes should never be sent if good work is desired.

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Gelatine paper is far the best paper for photo button work.

The film on Platino paper is thin and rather soft, frequently mottling on being united to celluloid; hence we advise the use of little alum in fixing both.

Bromide, or porous Matt Velox cannot be united to celluloid in a satisfactory manner.

Observe the following dimensions in making button prints; 22 line or Scarf Pin prints, should be $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch square; 30 Line or Cuff Button prints should be 1 inch square; 36 Line or Small button prints, should be $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches square; 50 Line; or Medium Button prints should be $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches square; 60 Line; or Large Button prints should be 2 inches square.

Cabinet Size prints will just mount onto a $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch medallion. Head must always be in center of print however, as mounting a $3\frac{3}{8}$ inch print on a $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch medallion is a tight squeeze. Prints for a 4 inch medallion should be $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches square; for $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch medallion $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches square; on 6 inch medallion, 7 inches square.

In our estimation powdered alum is by far the best hardner. In making prints for button or medallion work use one-half teaspoon powdered alum to gallon fixing bath. Matt prints can be hardened in same bath. Using alum in fixing bath will not injure

prints for any other purpose, but is a good thing.

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A few words about the dark room may not be inappropriate. Almost any room may be used at night, and many rooms may be darkened quite easily in the day time. Be sure that no ray of light enters anywhere. Before darkening the room arrange the materials which you will need, in handy places, so that you can find them easily. Have your solutions ready, and do not fail to remember which solution is in each tray. Keep your plate as much as possible away from the light even of your ruby lantern. The red or orange glass may not always be the best quality and even if it is good, there is danger of injuring the plate by holding it too near the ruby light. If the edges of the plate come out clear when developed the plate has not been damaged in the dark room. If care is used in the matter of light during the early process of development, the plate will be able without injury to stand a greater amount when development is nearly finished and there is greater need of light. In loading plate-holders in the dark room remember that the plates are packed in pairs, with the film sides together. The first plate, then will have its glass side up and the second its film side. By remembering this fact, plate holders may be loaded in absolute darkness. There are various ways of detecting the film side, one of which is by the reflection of the ruby light. Upon the glass side the reflection is bright and clear, while upon the film it is dull.

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In taking flash light pictures it is necessary to focus by means of lamps. Have some one carry a lamp around the group which you wish to photograph so that you may see what position the image occupies upon the

ground glass. Keep at least one lamp burning behind the camera. Magnesium powder is generally used for the flash light. As the process of making such a powder at home is rather dangerous, it is better to procure it already manufactured. Place your powder in such a position that the light will not shine into the lens tube and also far enough from the camera to prevent injury to it. A position at the side of the camera is generally satisfactory. Have your sitters look at the lamp and not at the flash, as the brightness of the flash will cause them to close their eyes involuntarily. When all is ready remove the slide from your plate holder and open your shutter using a large stop. There will not be light enough in the room to injure the plate. Touch off the powder and as soon as the flash is over replace the slide.

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Curly Photographs.—Who does not know the provoking way that a curly photograph resists for a time our efforts to unroll it; and when we do accomplish that it immediately skips out of the hand and rolls under the piano? To flatten a curly print lay on the table two or three thicknesses of clean blotting paper. Then take a flat, straight thin ruler or straight paper knife in the right hand. Lay the print face down on the blotting paper and the ruler across the back. With the left hand take the edge. Now slide ruler along the print and at the same time raise print in a vertical direction. It requires rather firmly and quite even pressure on ruler and at the same time a rather firm pull upwards of print. Begin by placing the ruler about the middle of the print and flatten one-half first, then reverse the ends of the print and do the second half. To try to do the whole print at once a great risk is run of tearing it.

Before using your lenses, wipe them with a soft chamois leather, and dust out the interior of your camera with a damp cloth.

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Carry your dark slide in a cloth when taking it from place to place (especially out of doors), and cover the top of the slide with it while the plate is being exposed.

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Keep your camera exactly level when perpendicular objects are to be taken; nothing is so abominable as to see distorted representations. This especially applies to architecture; when buildings are made to appear falling forward, or leaning backward, or vertical lines are crooked and twisted, they always betray mismanagement of the camera.

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Get all parts of the picture into focus if you can; if you cannot, then make the principal objects sharpest—in a portrait, the eye; in a group the central figure; in a landscape, the foreground, in preference to distant objects.

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Wash your developing-glass after each time of using.

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Keep a separate vessel for every solution, and a separate bottle and funnel for each distinct purpose; let them all be distinctly labelled. Much time and trouble in cleaning dishes and bottles will be saved and no end of uncertainty removed.

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Never open a bottle of collodion, ether, alcohol, or varnish near a flame, or an explosion may take place.

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Never allow the sun to shine on the lens when taking a picture.

ANCIENT AND MEDIAEVAL COINS



Their Value in Art and History

To the antiquarian and student of art and history, the study of ancient and mediaeval coins will ever be of absorbing interest. In their mythologic, historic and artistic value, the coins of ancient Greece are absolutely unrivalled. Many of them excel all modern coins in the purity of their lines, bold relief and delicacy of treatment. Hence it is not wonderful that many people regard a fine Greek coin the most convenient, compact, best preserved and most beautiful relic of antiquity.

Greek coins are of two classes, (a.) Mythological or religious representations and (b.) portraits of historical personages.

The period of finest Greek Art, as shown by Greek coins, was from 415 B. C., (Athenian expedition against Sicily) to 335 B. C., (Accession of Alexander The Great.)

"The art of sculpture, of which coin engraving is the offspring, receives great illustration from Numismatics. Not only is the memory of lost statues preserved to us in the design of ancient coins, but those of Greece afford admirable examples of that skill by which her sculptors obtained renown. The excellence of design of very many Greek coins, struck during the period of her finest arts, is indeed so great that were it not for their smallness, they would form the finest series of art studies in the world * * * * They are beyond all other monuments in the domain of Greek art. Their geographical and historical range is only limited by Greek history and the Greek world. They are sometimes the work of great artists, and there is no question of their authenticity; nor have they suffered from the injurious hand of the restorer. Thus they tell us what other monuments leave untold, filling up the gaps in the sequence of art and revealing local schools known from them alone * * * *

"Roman coins, though at no time to be compared with the purest Greek, yet represent worthily the Græco-Roman art Empire; and some of them present portraits of remarkable beauty and excellence."—Encyclopedia Britannica.

The Coins of the Romans are a vast gazetteer of the nation, and proclaim her ancient customs, faith, conquests, wealth

culture, divisions, victories and her downfall.

We are indebted to coins alone for the prized portraits of the most noted characters in history. The refinement or barbarity of the peoples of the earth has been shown with fidelity by their coins.

A lot of coins found in Asia a few years ago threw valuable historical light on a great civilization (Bactrian) of which previously little was known.

The advance in enlightenment Great Britain has made in a thousand years is clearly observed by comparing the rudely stamped coins of the early Anglo-Saxons, and those issued so steadily through the centuries by the long succession of kings and queens, with the beautiful pieces bearing the likeness of Queen Victoria.

The Byzantine coins furnish interesting examples of the decadence of the art of coin engraving after the fall of Rome. The Roman coins in the later days of the Empire were miserable enough in comparison with those of the brilliant early Greek era; but poorer far became the Byzantine, until some of the types were simply caricatures. It is interesting to know that some of the later coins bore the portrait of Jesus Christ, but from some of the examples of these coins in the possession of the writer the coin engraver was by no means a Raphael. It is on the coins of John Zimisces, 969, A. D., that these profiles of the Savior appear. On the reverse the name of "Cristus" often is seen.

On the Greek coins the local conceptions of the gods and heroes worshipped in the Greek world with their attributes and symbols are presented; and in these coins the historian will find a rare gallery of portraits almost complete from Alexander to Augustus, as well as evidences of the history of political revolutions of innumerable autonomous states and cities. The student of palaeography will find on coins examples of various ancient alphabets such as Lycian and

Cyprian, Phoenician, Greek, Latin, Iberian, etc., in all stages of development. When we remember that some of the exquisite profiles on Greek coins were traced at least 400 B. C., and that we still have them almost as perfectly preserved to us as when made, it seems these little works of art are all but imperishable. The hands that fashioned them have been quieted many long centuries, but their work remains to to us a fitting tribute to the splendor and achievements of the ancient nation.

What a history gathers round a little drachma of Alexander the Great which lies there on my writing desk! Who knows but the great conqueror himself handled it once? Who knows but that bit of silver was once a part of the vast plunder of silver that the victorious army of Alexander captured from the fleeing Persians. It is doubtless on account of this stupendous sum of silver falling into the hands of Alexander that we find his coins rather common now.

The Greek coins have a singular artistic value in that they are original works of art, not copies, as are most of the extant sculptures; and they record the various phases and local varieties in Greek art and in such manner that no other class of monuments, sculptures, bronzes, terra cottas, vases or gems can compare with them. From the seventh century before the Christian era downward, and from the farthest east to the extreme west of the ancient civilized world, gold and silver coins are still extant, often as uninjured as when they left the dies. The devices and types they show, if not always made by the leading artists, yet certainly faithfully represent the style of the sculpture and even of the painting of the periods to which they belong. So in no branch of Greek monuments can the student observe so well the growth, maturity and decay of the plastic art as on coins chronologically arranged.

T. L. F.

AN AMATEUR'S ALPHABET.

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- A stands for Amateurs aiming at art.
B the Bewilderment, "blank shots" impart.
C for the Camera haul'd out leisure days.
D the Development by ruby-light's rays.
E for Enlargements, prize winners most often.
F for False Focus, thrown out "just to soften."
G the Graduate, dry toppers abuse.
H stands for Hypo, when it clears off the views.
I for Imitations of master work's wrought.
J for the Judges, who award them without thought.
K those first Kisses with one sitter shared.
L the Love mutual, which follow'd unspared.
M the kind Matron consulted alone.
N for the Nuptials that made two hearts one.
O stands for Opulence unknown to the pair.
P for Palaces. Way up in the air!
Q stands for Questions of rent and of larder.
R was the 'Rastle with times somewhat harder.
S stands for Suspense, soon follow'd by joy.
T the Tranquility. Came with a boy.
U the Utopian lives of the "dears!"
V the Volatile speed of the years.
W stands for that Wealth, which came after all.
X was the 'Xertion to fulfill its call.
Y for vague Yearnings to view distant climes.
Z is the Zenith of ambition's proud chimes.

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REVIEW OF AMERICAN PAPERS.

An anonymous writer has an instructive article in the Philatelic Bulletin for October on some of the portraits on Latin-American stamp; I would like to see it continued. A similar article, though with less reference to stamps, is the one on Palms by Mr. Jones. Once in awhile such articles are good for youthful collectors. The article on

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

Saxon stamps describes a number of counterfeits and fakes.

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The Adhesive is at peace again with the Montreal Philatelist, at least it would appear so from Major Wurtele's portrait on the front cover of Major Chapman's paper. I am glad to see it, as both are doing such good service to philately that we cannot afford to have them waste any time squabbling. Mr. Dodge is a new contributor upon whose acquisition The Adhesive is to be congratulated; in this number he incurs Mr. Robie's wrath by defaming the highpriced J. Ellwood Lee stamps. The "Sheets" article is continued and Miss Swift writes entertainingly. As to her inquiry regarding the animal on the new French Congo set I would submit that it cannot be a tiger, which occurs only in Asia, nor a jaguar, which is exclusively American.

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The Philatelic Spectator is improving its appearance; it has a cover now. The contents still show room for improvement.

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Mr. Lecky of Richmond graces the first page of the Virginia Philatelist. Mr. Dietz's article on German Colonials is concluded, fully illustrated like the last. As concerns the last paragraph of this article, there is an official letter in the current number of Der Philatelist stating authoritatively that the first issue of German Southwest-Africa did not include any 25 or 50 pf. stamps.

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The International Philatelic Review for September gave me quite a shock of surprise by presenting a half tone plate of U. S. stamps fraudulently used by a Rochester lawyer. The exhibit is very interesting, but will it not get

the Review into trouble with our Uncle Samuel? There is an instructive article on the Puerto Rico paraphs and on a Spanish frank stamp for the Cartilla (not castilla) postal de Espana. I am glad to see that this charming little paper is to be continued another year.

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A fair little article on Confederate Stamps forms the principal feature of the Collector's Companion for November.

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Energy for October is interestingly chatty and contains a short glossary of philatelic terms.

REVIEW OF FOREIGN PAPERS.

An interesting paper comes to us from Havana—El Correo de Cuba. As before mentioned it is published by Cuban postal employes in the interest of the Cuban postal service; each number contains a cut of some prominent postal official, so far all Americans. The November number gives a list of the railway post offices in Cuba; our stamp conventions are noticed and the Philatelic West receives flattering mention, more than we deserve, let us modestly remark. There is also a brief philatelic chronicle.

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Although illustrated postal cards are not philately, yet many philatelists collect them "on the side." They are well served by the new paper, The Picture Postcard, finely illustrated with new issues. Perhaps this fad may yet take hold here also.

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The Philatelic Trader contains an editorial strongly urging the collection of philatelic literature and speaking of the attention paid to it in this country. More collectors, still, should see the uses of our literature.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

From Havana there comes to us El Correo de Cuba, a paper published by Cuban postal employes for the benefit of the Cuban postal service. It has various articles on postal subjects, though not directly touching on stamps, except for a brief philatelic column, which may develop in future numbers. The paper is a good sign for the intelligence of the Cuban officials.

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The late numbers of Ewen's Weekly Stamp News are still full of South African news. In No 143 there is a number of interesting clippings from a Mafeking paper published during the siege relative to postal matters; from one of them it appears that no stamps were sold at the post office; letters had to be handed in. They were sent out by runners in batches of thirty. The numbers issued are also copied from the official figures obtained by the London Philatelist. No. 145 illustrates the new Orange River Colony on $\frac{1}{2}$ d green Cape of Good Hope.

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The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser for October contains little beyond the chronicle and an interesting little article on the pence issues of Canada, though there is nothing new in this either. Our stamp conventions are briefly noticed.

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Le Philatliste International has another of those articles on the Postal Service of the Middle Ages, which have so little connection with stamps. There is an interesting note to show that in September 1871 some French 15c postage due stamps were surcharged with pen and ink so as to raise their value to 25c. They are of excessive rarity of course. Another note states that the new French stamps were to be issued Nov. 15, some of the values having been ready for issue since August. If they did appear on that date, I have seen no notice of it as yet.

Die Post for October describes the German post offices in Marocco and gives a list of all German post offices in the German colonies and in foreign countries. The chronicle illustrates the New German Colonials and gives complete lists of the sets to be issued; there are just 175 adhesives! not so bad for a starter. There is also an interesting note on the present watermark of the Russian stamps: wavy lines and large Russian letters E. S. G. B.

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Speaking of German Colonials, I have received the price list of Philipp Kosack of Berlin, Germany. If I mention it here, it is because it is almost a handbook on German Colonials and their cancellation. The list is worth obtaining; the firm is one of the largest in Germany.

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Le Timbrophile Belge as usual shines by its splendid chronicle. As to the stamps of the 1896 issue of Antioquia without centerpiece, of which mention has lately been made here and there. M Mahe in an article which fully describes the process of manufacture of lithograph stamps requiring two impressions arrives at the result that they are merely unfinished proofs from the frame plate. The three die varieties of Cuba and Puerto Rico 1882 are fully described by means of enlarged cuts.

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The Stamp Collector (Birmingham) for November says that no preparations have as yet been made for new federal stamps for the commonwealth of Australia which is to come into existence Jan. 1 (or perhaps not until Jan. 26th. Perhaps all local issues will be surcharged by the federation—a prospect calculated to strike a chill of horror to the heart of the average collector. The rest of the contents are largely reprinted.

A newcomer is the Australian Journal of Philately, and a promising youngster at that. Australian stamps fashionable shortly, so there may as well be room for another paper devoted to them. Mr. Hull's article on the "Grand Old Stamp," the 5d green of N. S. W., has been extensively reprinted in our weeklies, so I need but to allude to it. In the October number the Sydney Exhibition is written up at length. A note states that the Cook Islands are about to be annexed to New Zealand, so it would be well to complete your set at once.

Mr. A. F. Basset Hull has retired from the editorship of the Australian Philatelist, which he has filled so ably. His successor starts in quite well. I am surprised to see a contribution in the August number break a lance for the Sedang stamps, ranking them with those of Sarawak! Not many of us will join him there. In the September number the Sydney Exhibition is described. I notice that the new Penny stamp for New Zealand is to depict "New Zealand diffusing the benefits of reduced postage throughout the world" rather a large order for so small a stamp.

The Philatelic Trader for October contains details of a large deal in Mafeking stamp counterfeits at Cape Town; the forgers were not arrested, though denounced to the police.

A feature of Morley's Philatelic Journal for October will be of interest to all American collectors is the article by Mr. Pearce on the fiscals issued by our administration in the Philippines; the article is fully illustrated. The two Railway stamp lists are continued as well as the list of Japanese telegraph stamps.

Mr. Castle has a very interesting paper in the London Philatelist for October treating of the early issues of Belgium, specially throwing light upon the re-engraving of the Belgian 1c stamp of 1861. From a note in this number I had my first news of the death of Leon Brummer at Muenchen, which removes a highly picturesque character from German philately. His untimely death will be widely mourned.

The trouble about stamp-cuts in Germany seems to have been settled by using cuts with a broad white line through them; the Philatelist for October shows style of illustration. In his monthly editorial Dr. Moschkan pleads for the rehabilitation of square cut envelopes and cards, which seem to be regaining favor in Germany. A long article by Dr. Szalay deals with various features of society exchanging, such as condition, mounting, pricing; though written primarily for German conditions, every American exchange superintendent and every member patronizing their departments could read this article with profit. A valuable feature of Der Philatelist is its exhaustive chronicle of philatelic papers, covering e. g. over five pages in this number. An oddity in the postal line is noted from Greece, where the government has monopolized the illustrated postal card and will transport only those bearing a special stamp, which has already been mentioned by our American papers.

The Philatelic feature of the British and Colonial Philatelic Advertiser (what a name!) is a comprehensive article, suited to the average collector, on Africa and Her Postage Stamps. The September number deals with B. C. A. (was the 1895 set printed by de

la Rue? I think it was Parkins, Bacon & Co.) B. E. A., Zanzibar and Zululand.

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In the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser for September Mr. Webb, that indefatigable student of British stamps, has some discoveries in perforations of British reply cards and a new classification of the ½d postal cards and a new classifications of the ½d postal card type varieties. From black and white there is reprinted an exhaustive list of varieties of the U. R. I. surcharge on Orange Free State. There is also a list of rates for which Canadian stamps were issued.

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Over in England the Y ½ of Cuba is still making trouble as shown in the October number of Stamps; I would recommend Mr. Andreini's article in McKeel's as a settler. The Mafekings are also getting some hard knocks in stamps, whose editor makes them out as nothing but locals, and none too, good at that.

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As always, the chief feature of Le Timbrophile Belge for October its chronicle. Despite various denials, it is here stated that after Jan. 1., 1901, the new German Colonials will be on sale at Postal station 19 at Berlin. Small business for Germany, that; I should think it would not care to be classed with North Barneo. The editor in a long article demands the withdrawal of certain Belgian stamps, which will no doubt avail him but little. I am pleased to see the honored name of M. Moens heading an exhaustive article on Portuguese reprints; let us hope to hear of him oftener.

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The Curioso Americano still is engaged in bitter strife with the Madrid Fila-

telico and Sr. Galvez over the counterfeits alleged to have been circulated by the latter. The Curioso also undertakes to prove that the 10c stamp of Cuba 1880 was never put into circulation (catalogued by Scott used at \$5.00.) He seems to make out a good case; the matter is worth further investigation. There is a fearful list of varieties of Venezuelan stamps from 1892 to 1899; something for specialists, not for me. The editor has also found some new varieties of the Puerto Principe surcharges, due chiefly to poor impressions. He states that the U. S. officially sealed stamps are in use in Cuba without any surcharge.

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Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, as usual knows of nothing but U. R. I., Transvaal and the like. There is a comprehensive article on the stamps of the So. African Republic, "arranged on simplified lines"—and lengthy enough even then. Mr. Ewen is at work on a book on British Railway Stamps—to be sure their collection over here is no doubt extremely limited. Attention is called to the discovery of two types of the New Zealand due stamps, the Daffer, the value being much larger on one. It is also said that the Transvaal 1d Commemorative has been surcharged V. R. I. by means of a rubber stamp at Wolmaranstad. More's the pity!

CURIO DEPARTMENT.

The A. S. of C. C. is a "sure go!" You will wonder what the four letters stand for, no doubt, so we'll tell you. The contemplated society for general collectors, embracing all branches except philately or stamp collecting, has been formed and it is called the American Society of Curio Collectors. The dues will be 25 cents a year. The benefits will be many, such as an information bureau, an identification bureau

where fossils, minerals and such will be identified and properly named for the society's members, an exchange department through which members may trade their duplicate specimens for some other specimens that will be new to their collections. The society will begin active work on Jan. 1st. The WEST will be the official organ for the present at least. Do you want to join, or know more about it? Write to Roy F. Greene.

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About six weeks ago, some boys digging along a creek at Indianapolis unearthed an Indian skeleton in excellent state of preservation. One of the vertebrae carried imbedded in it a war or triangular flint arrow point; another of same type was found near the bones of the neck. It is reasonable to assume that the latter point was received in the fleshy part of the neck that the Indian's death resulted from the wound of either or both arrows.

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I have myself about $\frac{1}{2}$ the radius of right arm taken from mound at Quincy, Ill. The lower part of this bone carries a flint arrow deeply imbedded. Does any reader know of similar specimens; if so kindly communicate with W. E. Emery, Crawfordsville, Ind.

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J. A. Lawson in his charming book of travels, "Wanderings in New Guinea" gives some accounts of the flora of that region which will interest our young botanists. Mr. Lawson says; "The multitude and beauty of the flowers I cannot describe. At every step we crushed them down, so close together were they; and this continued until we had reached an elevation of four thousand feet; and even at the extreme summit of the mountain, several species were represented by an odd member or two, although it was eleven thousand feet above the level of the

sea. Lilies of three different kinds, red, white and yellow, were very abundant; but I did not notice them at a greater height than fifteen hundred or two thousand feet. Daisies similar to those that grow in English meadows, but as large as sunflowers, were very numerous. They were crimson-tipped, but not very modest, seeing they lifted their heads to a height of eighteen inches. "But by far the most beautiful flower I saw here was one borne by a bulbous plant. It was the shape of a narcissus, nine inches in diameter and of a lily-white color, spotted with deep crimson. It gave forth a delightful odor; which was so powerful that one's hands would retain the perfume of it an hour after the plant had been handled. The leaves were six or seven feet in length and one in breadth and so tough that I found it impossible to break one of them in two; there were from thirty to fifty on each plant, but seldom more than one flower at a time though there might be several buds in various stages of growth. The bulbs were as large as a man's head, the height of the plant nine or ten feet, the flower standing several feet above the leaves. Clustering around the foot of the flower-stalk among the leaves, was a large quantity of soft, white down, which I have proved by actual comparison to be of the same kind as that used by the bird of paradise to line its nest, so that if this bird does not actually alight on the ground, it comes to within a few inches of it." Mr. Lawson's description of big flowers seems almost incredible, but he is a thoroughly reliable explorer. Would not our young botanists like a few specimens of these flowers described?

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Cow-birds are a puzzle to the young oologist. He can never find their nests no matter how diligently he searches. They get their name from an odd fancy

they have of taking a ride on the cow's back occasionally while in the pasture. The female is homely enough to be called a cow-bird, being of a uniform grayish-brown, but the male is a fine looking bird, clad in an entire suit of rich black velvet, with head and neck of a deep maroon color. Cow-birds are queer in their nesting habits. They look for and find the nests of birds that are smaller than they are, watching for the opportunity when the nest's proper owners have left it temporarily, the female cow-bird takes possession of the nest, leaves an egg there and then quietly takes her departure. The reason for this maybe that the birds are too lazy to build nests for themselves or they don't know how. Their eggs are large, of a dirty-white color, plentifully splashed over with a cold, gray brown. It is needless to add that the real owner of the nest has to hatch out the cow-bird's egg along with her own.

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Many who have not gained a knowledge of such work by scientific reading are reluctant to believe that the early settlers of our land, commonly known as "mound builders," could have performed very skillful or artistic work with stone and flint implements. In this connection it might be well to quote from the report of Mr. W. T. Wyndham on "The Aborigines of Australia." He says: "They turn out work that you would hardly believe possible with such rough implements. They show great ingenuity, particularly in making their harpoon heads for spearing dugong and fish; instead of shaving the wood up and down with the grain, as a European workman would do, they turn the wood for a spear-head round and chip it off across the grain, working it as wooden boxes are turned on a lathe." So it will be seen that primitive tools do great things still in our day.

Exquisite tourmalines are found in California. They are green with red center, the core of the crystal being of the latter color, and the effect not merely optical.

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The finest specimens of turquoise are found in Persia, just as the finest opals come from Hungary, but many fine turquoise are found near Los Cerillos, N. M., and at or near Silver City in which neighborhood is an ancient Indian cemetery. In every grave, in this burying plot, beads of turquoise are found, in fact the Aztecs used to gather the precious material centuries before the Spanish came. They split it out of the rock by first heating the latter with fire and pouring cold water upon it. This process damaged the turquoise, often changing its color to green. It occurs in blue veins, with now and then a "nugget."

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The editor of this department had occasion to buy a number of arrow-points recently, in order to complete his collection of these interesting little implements by states and counties, and we applied to L. W. Stillwell the well-known dealer of Deadwood, So. Dak., for a selection of carefully selected points on approval. The box of points he submitted for our selection were the finest we have ever seen in fifteen years of collecting. Agate points from Oregon, Jasper and Obsidian points from Oregon, California and New Mexico, Chalcedony points from several states and quartz and flint points from a series of states running from Oregon to Illinois, Georgia, New York and Kentucky. Stillwell has a two-story block full of curios of all kinds, and a record of fair and honest dealing that cannot be questioned. No collector should be without Stillwell's catalogue and to see it means you'll buy.

The Strand Magazine has a department under the caption of 'Curiosities' which will interest and in many cases instruct the readers of these notes.

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Professor Cohn, the distinguished botanist, was won't to say at the beginning of his lecture: "The four chief constituents of plants are carbon, C; oxygen, O; hydrogen; H; nitrogen, N. Then writing down these four letters with apparent carelessness, on a black-board, COHN, he would smile as he observed: "It is clear that I ought to know something about botany!"

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India has prepared a greater variety of plants than any other country in the world, having 15,000 native species, while the flora of the entire Continent of Europe only embraces about 10,000.

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Mrs. Ida Belmar Camp of Caro, Mich., has the finest private collection of cacti in existence. She has in her possession over seven hundred specimens which she has raised herself including some rare varieties not even to be found in large botanical institutions at home or abroad.

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The distances over which birds migrate vary between wide limits, and are often surprisingly great. The bob-o-links, which rear their young on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, Canada, and go to Cuba and Porto Rico to spend the winter, twice traverse a distance exceeding 2,800 miles, or more than a fifth of the circumference of our earth, each year. The kingbird lays its eggs as far north as the fifty-seventh degree of latitude, and is found in the winter in South America. The biennial pilgrimages of the little redstart exceed 3000 miles, and the tiny humming-bird 2000.

Many of our numismatic readers are perhaps unaware of the fact that the motto "E Pluribus Unum" on United States coins was never authorized by law. The word "God" never appeared in any government act until the year 1864, when, at the suggestion of the director of the mint, Ex-Governor Pollock of Pennsylvania, "In God We Trust" was stamped on the copper two-cent piece. Before that "E Pluribus Unum" had been the motto, but wholly without authority, as to the stamp on U. S. coinage.

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Many of our readers, particularly those of the Pacific coast, collect Chinese curios, and a handsome collection they make. How many of them know, though, that the Chinese hand-made papers are made mostly of rice straw, and are colored or stained by hand? The visiting cards which are thin octavo sheets, are colored crimson; pale red is used for bills, yellow sprinkled with gold or green for wrapping goods, orange for weddings, and so on through the list.

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It will interest our young botanist friends to know that for perfumery purposes a low estimate puts it that each year 1,860 tons of orange flowers, 930 tons of roses, 150 tons each of violets and jasmine, 75 tons of tuberose, 30 tons of cassia and 15 tons of jonquils are used.

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The soil of Peru contains the largest number of mineral species of any country. At Pluria, in the north, petroleum and sulphur; silver, lead, copper and coal in the great mining basin of Cerro de Pasco, in Central Peru, and phosphate, quicksilver, auriferous grounds and borax at Arequipa, Carabaja, and in the south. This may not be generally known by our young mineralogists.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

The Archaeological Bulletins being and to be published by the Robt. Clark's Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, at the uniform price of fifty cents each are invaluable to the collector of prehistoric implements. A catalogue describing the bulletins and other collectors publications will be sent by the company to all applicants.

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The highest altitude where flowers bloom according to the testimony of eminent explorers and botanists is 19,200 feet. Nine different species of flowering plants were found at 19,000 feet and higher. These discoveries were all made in Thibet and the plants found at this high altitude were members of the order Compositac. Sir Martin Conway found in the Bolivian Andes two species of flowering plants at 18,700 feet, and 39 species above 14,000 feet, the latter belonging to 34 genera and 21 natural orders.

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The collecting of old weapons, peculiar types, of our own and other countries is a field being taken up by a great many enthusiastic collectors. Of pistols and pocket weapons alone, one can form an interesting collection.

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Ellis Chandlee of Augusta, Ga., is one of the leading dealers of the country in old confederate currency, broken bank and southern state money, "wild cat" currency and shin-plasters. One not conversant with the subject would be surprised at the cheapness with which the cheapness with which a fine collection of currency may be acquired. Such a collection can be tastefully arranged in a small space and forms a display of historic interest to which anyone with the true collector's spirit may point with pride.

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The Collectors Supply Co., of Plainwell, Michigan are extensive dealers in

stamps, coins, minerals, fossils, Indian and war relics, paper money, curios and collectors supplies. Besides selling they are in the market to buy desirable specimens and are also glad to enter into exchange relations with collectors in any of the above branches.

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From a recent issue of the Havana (Cuba) Post the following of interest to coin collectors is clipped:

Americans who visit the interior of Cuba are surprised beyond measure when they are given change for small purchases in cafes. The old American silver half-dime, which is no more in circulation in the United States, is used in the interior towns of Cuba, where it passes for 2½ cents. All these coins are punched and were brought to Cuba many years ago. When the bangle craze had died away in America, there were thousands of these half-dimes which had been punched and were useless, some clever Yankee conceived the idea that they could be circulated in some way in Cuba and other West India islands. The plan worked well, and ever since that time they have been passing for 2½ cents.

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Rather a new ring in geology is vegetation-carved rocks. In New Providence and other islands of the Bahama group are numerous so-called "banana holes," ranging in size from that of a pint cup to that of a large cistern. An eminent geologist, who has lately studied these holes, finds that they cannot have had the same origin as pot-holes, and do not appear to have been cut out by the waves, and he can only account for them as an effect of the action of decaying vegetation. Large quantites of leaves and other vegetable matter are found in the holes, and it is probable that the soft calcareous rock has been dissolved by the fermentation process, and washed away.

Nothing is better for cleaning copper coins than ammonia using a sponge, piece of flannel or a very soft brush in applying it. Under no circumstances should acids be used to clean and brighten coin, no matter how much diluted, nor should coins be rubbed hard in cleaning them. The less friction and abrasion the coins suffer the better your collection will grade.

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One often reads in novels and works of fiction of "fool's gold" a something which tenderfoot miners are wont to gather up in quantities thinking they have struck it rich, only to find the shining particles worthless when tested. "Fool's gold", as it is jokingly called in the mining country, is known to mineral collectors as pyrites of gold or gold pyrites, and comes from many sections of the United States, being quite common but very pretty.

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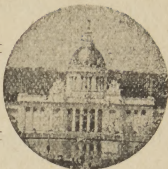
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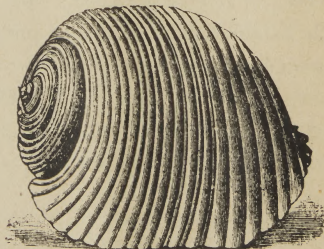


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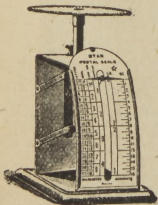
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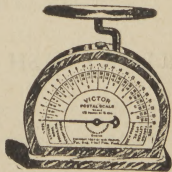
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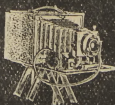
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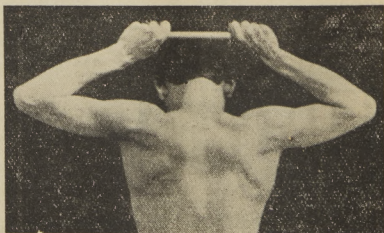
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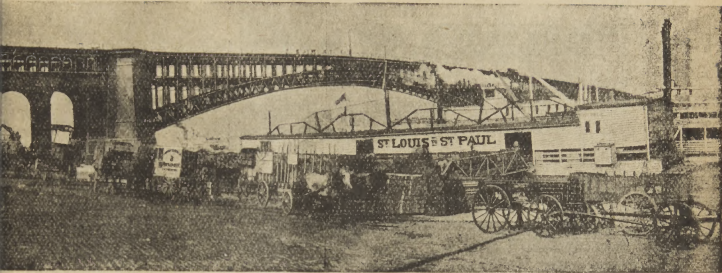


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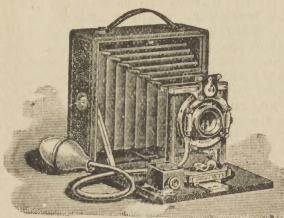
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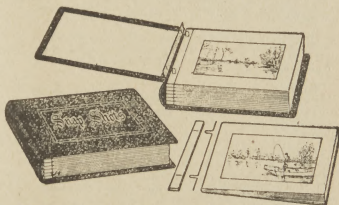
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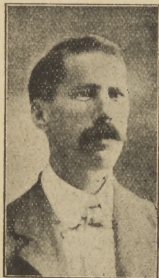
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Atlanta, Ga local (Scotts No 7 59th) to X for best offer stamps, British No Am Foreign cols send 1 to 500 and receive good value in U S—Jno F Hinson, Magnolia, N C

10 diff stamp papers for a stamp cata 8c and 1c for post—L C Aldrich, Benson Minn

Pre-cancelled US and proprietary stamps with printed cancellation which I have not in my col wanted—E R Aldrich Benson Minn

Would like to X with the world, coins, stamps, postcards, envs, reg envs, and wrappers Can give good ref if desired—R A Swanke Peshigo Wis

Wanted: Good ex in US post and British Cols for Canada 12 1/2 green etc. Also good foreign Have A 1 No 5 Bermuda for ex Write Foreign corresp desired—N Bassett, Oshawa, Ont, Cana

First 10 ans to this notice I will give 28 foreign stamps free Send 2c stamp for post X tob tags for stamps etc—C M Smith, 238 W Barnard st Westchester, Pa

Foreign cols send stamps of your country, you will receive same amt of stamps of this country. Ref H J Brink Doon Ia—Clifton Brink, Doon Ia

Self-inking "Favorite" printing press, 4 1/2 x 6, cost \$16. Field Glasses \$5, Flobert rifle, revolver etc for foreign stamps cata over 5c each my selection—A J Kirby bx 105 Taunton Mass APA1539

A S Russell, Gregory Terrace Brisbane, Queensland, Aust wishes to X stamps, want U S plate Mo Dept ect Give fine Australian Ref Brodstone

If you have never received an approval selection from me at 50 per cent you should do so at once. Send ref and I will send you a fine lot—H E Taylor, 3 Livingston st Cleveland O

Will X stamp magazines of various kinds for stamps from sheets Will give 1 magazine for each 2c worth of stamps Send sheets and I will send magazine to pay for stamps taken—Perry L Sargent Ft Shaw Mont

Will clean US revs in X for all kinds old paper money, Shinplasters and broken bank bills pref—E Chandler, bx 509 Augusta Ga

A McDonald, Petries Bight, Brisbane, Queensland Australia will X stamps with Am cols basis Scotts cata

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Want to X stamps with collectors and dealers in all parts of world, in small or large quantities—W Rae, P O B 138, Kobe, Japan

B F Burch Wymore Nebr will X 15 var US stamps for 10 var from any 1 country Rugby foot ball to X for stamps

Rare US to trade for \$30 rev, \$3, 4, 5 Columbian used, or Philippine US revs—E R Aldrich, Benson Minn

Gent's fall or spring overcoat nearly new, cost \$10, will sell for \$3 cash; also Happy Days Nos 1 to 40 and 80 to 145; Golden Hours from No 340 to 490 for best cash offer All letters answered—M B Ellison, Bx 161 Milton N Y

G R Barker, 145 N Emporia ave Wichita Ks X stamps, novels, etc for Happy Days coupons

Wanted, high value English and pence issues British N Am for cash or rare stamps in X Highest refs—J W Etherington, 20 Lark Terrace Rochdale Eng

Broken corporation bonds \$1000 and \$100, 15c each, both 25c; 40 different large cents \$2.25; 10 1/2 cents \$1.25; fine colonial bills 50c—A P Wylie, Prairie Center, Ill

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Stamps and postmarks to X for stamps not in my collection of 3000 var basis Scott's cata No trash wanted Send your dups and rec mine Cor solicited Ref p m at Shellsburg, Ia—L A Beebe, 802 N Broadway Yonkers N Y

Bargain, entire set 1898 prop. revs only 13c post free—Victor Stamp Co, 143 40th st Pittsburgh P A

Common US wanted in quantities for good single stamps Enc stamp for prices paid and list of stamps I have—H S Vanderburgh, Lithgow, N Y

Park's Pants Creaser is what you want, it will keep pants creased for a month; used by tailors price 10c—Frank E Parks, 76 Summer st Stoneham Mass

Would like to enter into X with cols having about 3200 var Send sheets and rec mine in ret—H W Boers, 389 Maple st Detroit Mich

Delers and cols send me 100 or more stamps cata at 3c each and rec same value and No of Mex stamps in X Refs if necessary—George W Corve 1.5 A Alzate No 2 City of Mexico Mex

For X entire sheets, 25 stamps, 3c US essays diff colors on onion skin paper Want late for'n cata 1c to 25c also D & K & Co and plate Nos—Wm A Sisson, Oak Eminence, Webster Grove Mo

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
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